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FY 2011 appropriations bill now out

REP. RAMON BASA'S FY 2011 BUDGET BILL

	FTEs	Budget
Executive Branch	1,575	\$57,638,290.59
Legislative Branch	208	\$8,585,340.41
Judicial Branch	74	\$3,311,561
Rota	310	\$6,024,465
Tinian	251	\$6,024,428
Saipan	45	\$1,047,553
Northern Islands	11	\$239,565
Boards and Commissions	1	\$539,607
Independent programs	11	\$9,887,497
Other programs, autonomous agencies	1,290	\$39,506,258



» **Some agencies get more, less than Fitial asked for**

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REPORTER

House Ways and Means Committee chairman Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) pre-filed a Fiscal Year 2011 budget bill on Friday, reflecting Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's proposal of \$132.565 million available for government operations.

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ONLY \$65K BUDGET OK'D FOR ELECTION

Election commission to hand-count ballots for November polls

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The Fitial administration approved only a \$65,000 budget for the special election in November, forcing the Commonwealth Election Commission to revert to the manual method of counting the ballots after the polls.

During Friday's board meeting, commissioners were informed that the Executive Branch will transmit the budget anytime this week. The money will come from the governor's reprogramming of some funding sources.

CEC executive director Robert Guerrero and board of commission chairperson Frances Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*

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START YOUNG

Young members of the Star Sands Warriors dance group awe the crowd with their Chamorro and Carolinian traditional dances at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe on Saturday afternoon. The cultural dance lessons are part of the 2010 Summer Reading and Cultural Fair sponsored by the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the CNMI Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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Only 3 agencies allowed 'flexible austerity'

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The latest version of the contentious austerity bill allows only the Judiciary, the Criminal Division of the Office of

the Attorney General, and the Public Defender's Office to have "flexible austerity day."

The austerity bill cuts government work hours from 80 to 72 per pay period to reduce government spending in Fis-

cal Years 2010 and 2011.

This flexibility is given to ensure that these three agencies meet their required obligations to provide constitutional protections over periods

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Senators balk at \$1.028M spent on CUC and CPUC consultants

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Senators balked at what they described as high costs of maintaining consultants for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, amounting to over \$1.028 million from 2009 to present, and asked these two entities to "try to cut down on consultant costs."

Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communi-

cations, and Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) separately said that while they recognize the importance of retaining or hiring consultants and counsels, they would want to work with both CUC and CPUC in trying to reduce costs.

"This is a big amount for a medium-sized utility corporation... Whatever expenses that CUC and CPUC incur, these costs are eventually passed on to CUC consumers," Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona cited the important role of CPUC, including monitoring CUC rates on power, water and wastewater services, and in removing politics from, and bringing credibility back to CUC, but shared Ayuyu's concern that consultant costs may have to be reduced especially during these tough financial times.

"We have to recognize too that we're not a big utility company. In the end, consumers will be the one to bear those costs," Manglona added.

Ayuyu said part of the \$1.028 million in consultant and legal costs include the following:

- \$496,105 for CPUC consultants, Georgetown Consulting, from Oct. 29, 2009 to July 13, 2010

- \$81,373 for CPUC hearing officer Dec. 10, 2009 to July 13, 2010;

- \$138,934 for CUC regulatory attorney, Alan Barak, from Nov. 4, 2009 to May 31, 2010;

- \$163,438 for CUC regulatory consultant, economist.com, from Nov. 26, 2009 to June 28, 2010;

- \$78,478 for CUC general counsel, Deborah Fisher, from Dec. 11, 2009 to June 30, 2010;

- \$70,000 for reporting assistance needed for CUC to comply with federal stipulated orders. Two payments were made, on Oct. 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

Ayuyu's PUTC Committee will hold a meeting this morning, and the consultant costs will be part of the discussions.

Tinian gas shortage expected to end today

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Tinian residents can now heave a sigh of relief as a tanker carrying gasoline supply is expected to arrive this morning, to stem the regular gasoline shortage that began on Friday morning.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said yesterday that the tanker will be coming from Guam this morning, and that "everything will be back to normal" today.

Rep. Trenton B. Conner (R-Tinian) separately said while the tanker is expected to arrive at 7am, residents should give extra time for the gasoline stations to replenish their tanks and start selling to motorists.

"We expect the situation to become stable by Monday," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

There were reports that some Saipan residents sold regular gasoline to Tinian residents for \$7 a gallon.

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MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- I Preliminary Matters
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes – May 25, 2010
 - II Public Comments
 - III Committee Reports
 1. Finance
 2. Personnel
 3. Ad Hoc Reports
 - IV Old Business
 1. Change Orders for MVA Japan and Korea
 2. Saipan International Fishing Derby
 3. Domannaka Matsuri Festival
 - V New Business
 1. KMCV, LLC Contract
 2. Promotional/Marketing & Representation Services – Korea
 3. G4S Security Services
 4. 16th World Routes Development Forum
 - VI Executive Session
 - VII Adjournment
- /s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Acting Chair, MVA Board of Directors

Fitial travels to California for Defense conference

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, along with first lady Josie Fitial, left on Saturday for San Francisco, California to attend the Aug. 8 to 11 Association of Defense Communities' 2010 Annual Conference.

The conference, being held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco, tackles issues such as base redevelopment, environmental remediation, defense real estate, community-military partnering, sustainability, financing and energy, and mission growth.

It features educational sessions benefiting communities with active military installations, private sector companies and organizations interested in playing an active role in base redevelopment, military real estate, privatization initiatives, and community-military collaboration, and representatives of the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal and state agencies.

The CNMI is bracing for increased military activities if and when live-fire training ranges will be built on Tinian, among other things, as a result of the

relocation of U.S. Marines from Okinawa, Japan to Guam.

Joining Fitial in the San Francisco trip are Commerce Secretary Michael Ada and CNMI Military Integration Management Committee coordinator Tom Linden.

Press Secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that Fitial will be making a presentation at the conference.

Demapan said Fitial will be on a panel comprising of himself, Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho, Joint Guam Program Office executive director David F. Bice, and Gary Kuwabara from the Office of Economic Adjustment.

Following the conference, Fitial will be meeting with the Region 9 Federal Regional Council. The council consists of senior career and appointed officials in charge of the Region 9 offices, or those federal agencies that interact with Guam and the CNMI,

including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Demapan said the San Francisco trip "is fully funded through a Department of Defense grant

awarded to the CNMI Department of Commerce and specifically requests that the governor, secretary of Commerce, and MIMC coordinator attend the event and the FRC meeting."

He said Ada and Linden will be participating in the panel sessions. Ada will also be meeting with

the Defense Department's Office of Economic Adjustment representatives to complete and submit a grant application which will be used to provide studies on the impact of the Mariana Islands Range Complex in the CNMI. This was the study which he alluded to in his presentation at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

Fitial and Camacho will also visit San Diego to attend a presentation by the Sakman Chamorro group that is building a 47-foot replica of a Chamorro canoe used during the ancient Chamorro period, the press secretary added.

Fitial is expected to be back next week. In his absence, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos becomes the acting governor.

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EPA suspends Juan C. Tenorio & Assoc from federal funded projects

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency suspended Juan C. Tenorio & Associates Inc. and its president, Juan C. Tenorio, from participating in federal contracts and assistance activities resulting from Tenorio's past bankruptcy fraud conviction in the U.S. District Court of Guam.

The U.S. EPA is also proposing to debar Juan C. Tenorio & Associates, an engineering consulting firm, for three years.

As a result of the July 20, 2010 suspension by the U.S. EPA Suspension and Debarment Division, Tenorio's name has been published in the "Excluded Parties List System" on the General Services Administration's website, and has become ineligible to receive any federal contract or approved subcontract, or to act as an agent or representative on behalf of another in such transactions.

He is also precluded from receiving certain federal assistance, loans and benefits, or from participating as

a principal, agent or key employee in those transactions.

Tenorio, in a brief phone interview Friday afternoon, said he will retain a lawyer to advise him on the U.S. EPA suspension action and proposed debarment.

"I'm not going to let it go by without contesting it. But like I said, I'm retaining a lawyer to advise me on this," said Tenorio, who holds office in Guam, but his firm has an office in Saipan.

He said he learned of the U.S. EPA notice only last week. He is the brother of the current CNMI House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who is a former governor.

The U.S. EPA also notified CNMI Procurement and Supply Director Herman Sablan on July 26 about Tenorio and Juan C. Tenorio and Associates' suspension.

Juan C. Tenorio & Associates currently has a federal-funded contract with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.—the Saipan well isolation project.

CUC awarded the company with the architectural and engineering and construction management services contract for the Saipan well isolation project, funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act money.

"The suspension is immediate and the Agency is also proposing debarring JCT for a period of three years. The suspension action and proposed debarment is based on Mr. Tenorio's past bankruptcy fraud conviction in the U.S. District Court for the District of Guam," Diane Margot, special agent in charge with the U.S. EPA's Office of Inspector General.

The U.S. EPA also furnished the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor with a copy of the notice.

In December 2008, Tenorio was found guilty on one count of bankruptcy fraud for knowingly and fraudulently concealing from the Bankruptcy Trustee accounts receivable of approximately \$199,817.05 from a contract

in the Northern Islands.

'Hand-counting'

Board chairperson Sablan said the board's decision to hand-count ballots is to save cost.

"We did it the last general election and during the runoff. Hand-count will save us money and we will do it again," said Sablan.

Though there are concerns that the counting of ballots may take a little longer, Sablan is optimistic that her colleagues will agree to complete the process in one-sitting.

"If we need to start early...we will do it and I hope all our commissioners will agree to that proposition," she said.

Sablan said she will propose to the board separate hand-counting procedures for legislative initiatives and the candidates so there will still be room to correct potential errors.

"If we will do it simultaneously, it will be more complicated. So I would suggest that we separate the counting for each group," she added.

Fridays all Public School System employees who are directly involved with student instruction and student related services and support, such as maintenance and transport.

"Members of the central office are not exempt," the bill states.

The Northern Marianas College is also exempt from the austerity Friday, along with federal-funded positions, and those holding critical positions including doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters and corrections officers.

cronesia Inc. lead country manager.

He said the same ship used for carrying supply on Tinian encountered rough seas on its way to Pohnpei from Guam, and when the ship reached Pohnpei, it had to wait for two more days because there were two other ships unloading. The same ship, he said, is expected to arrive on Tinian Monday morning.

Hofschneider, chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, said Mobil delivers gasoline to Tinian every 31 days, although the island's maximum storage capacity is good for 45 days.

He said that fuel tanks on Tinian had been undergoing maintenance in the last couple of weeks so the gasoline stations had to scale back on fuel storage.

This is the first in a long time that Tinian experienced gasoline shortage.

between Juan C. Tenorio & Associates Inc. and Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Limited.

During the criminal proceedings, Tenorio began operating or doing business as JCTEA, which functioned as

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The total identified budgetary resource is \$149,171 million.

However, Basa's 36-page bill gives some government agencies and departments either more than or less than what the governor asked for on April 1.

These include the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and Rota and Tinian municipalities.

FY 2011 begins on Oct. 1, 2010.

Failure to enact a budget for the new fiscal year will result in government shutdown.

Basa's House Bill 17-96 will be formally introduced in today's session of the 20-member House of Representatives.

House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said the government will realize more than the governor's identified budgetary resources in FY 2011 with the enactment of revenue-generating bills.

Inherent in Fitial's \$132-million budget submission for FY 2011 are considerations for eight cost-cutting measures and adjustments that include a 10-hour work hour reduction per pay period, 14 unpaid legal holidays, a 25-percent cut in "all other" funds for non-essential services, and removal of all non-essential vacant and zero-funded positions.

But the austerity bill that a conference committee has been working on only calls for an eight-hour reduction every pay period.

Under the proposal, government work hours for most agencies will be 72 per pay period instead of the regular 80. (See related story)

Three branches

Fitial submitted a budget of almost \$64.739 million for the Executive Branch.

Basa's budget bill, however, only proposes some \$57.638 million for the Executive Branch, and with 1,575 full-time employees.

The Legislative Branch's budget is at over \$8.585 million under Basa's bill with 208 full-time employees, much more than the governor's proposal of over \$4,219 million.

Under HB 17-96, the Judicial Branch is budgeted over \$3.311 million, more than Fitial's proposal of \$2.97 million but is still lower than the Judiciary's own proposal of \$5.56 million. The bill gives the Judiciary 74 full-time employee positions.

\$1 for LB director

Of the over \$8.585 million budgeted for the Legislative Branch, \$1.78 million is appropriated for the Legislative Bureau to pay for three full-time employees and operations.

However, only \$1 is appropriated for the Legislative Bureau director's salary. The post is currently held by Glenna SP. Reyes.

"The amount of \$1.00 shall be the maximum amount the director shall receive in compensation," the bill said.

It also gives \$40,000 for the CNMI Youth Congress.

Basa's bill appropriates \$1.047 million for the salaries and benefits of the House members in FY 2011, and

a substitute or replacement for Juan C. Tenorio & Associates Inc. He maintained control of JC Tenorio Engineers & Associates Inc. in the same or a similar manner as he had controlled Juan C. Tenorio & Associates Inc. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

\$422,934.86 for senators.

HB 17-96 requires Finance to establish and assign numbers to new business unit accounts called "House Members Office Accounts" for an appropriation of \$3.1 million, and "Senate Members Office Accounts" for an appropriation of \$1.395 million."

MVA gets \$1.5M for advertising

The budget bill gives MVA an additional \$1.5 million but only for "advertising" and not for personnel costs or salaries to promote CNMI tourism, in addition to the over \$5.394 million that Fitial proposed. This brings to almost \$6.895 million the total resources for MVA.

Other agencies got the same budget that the governor proposed: over \$30.132 million for the Public School System, and over \$4.788 million for Northern Marianas College.

Rota, Tinian

Fitial asked for over \$6.256 million for Rota, but the budget bill gives only over \$6.024 million which includes 310 full-time employees.

The budget bill allocates \$340,000 to pay for the salaries of nurses, technicians and other medical and auxiliary professionals.

It also gives \$83,265 to pay for the salaries of five full-time employees for the Rota Department of Pubic Safety, who just graduated from the DPS Police Academy.

The governor's budget proposal for Tinian is over \$5.792 million but the budget bill gives it over \$6.024 million with 251 full-time employees.

The budget bill gives Saipan over \$1.047 million for the Saipan Mayor's Office with 45 full-time employees, and \$239,565 for the Northern Islands Mayor's Office with 11 full-time employees.

Resources breakdown

The estimated gross budgetary resource for FY 2011 is \$149.171 million under the budget bill.

Of this amount, \$132.565 million is available for appropriations, as Fitial also identified.

This is \$4.765 million or 3.5 percent less than the FY 2010 mid-year revised resources estimate of some \$137.33 million.

The rest are for debt service or bond payments and other obligations, amounting to \$16.806 million.

The projected revenue for the Department of Public Lands amounting to over \$2.820 million is not yet included, as such revenues are constitutionally restricted and are not available for appropriations for general government operations.

The bill reflects the governor's continued suspension of certain earmarking provisions.

These include Public Law 15-5 and 14-54 or the nonresident worker fund fees to NMC and PSS, and 10 percent of gaming jackpot tax to PSS.

They also include the continued suspension of the earmarking of 10 percent of general fund poker fees to the Human Resources Development Fund or the Workforce Investment Agency, and 50 percent to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Basa had said that the Ways and Means Committee could not give all of what agencies asked for, given the government's limited resources.

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that because of the limited budget for the activity, the board will streamline its operations such as the printing of ballots and educational materials for the initiatives.

To save on cost Guerrero said CEC will collaborate with the Northern Marianas College in printing materials for public education.

Publication of educational materials was originally pegged at \$15,000 for each initiative, but because NMC will assist CEC, only \$30,000 will be spent for the three legislative initiatives to be placed on the ballots.

The remaining amount of the budget will be utilized for logistics, radios, rent-a-car service, meals, and poll workers' salary.

"We streamlined a lot...and funding for educational materials was cut tremendously," said Guerrero.

Guerrero and Sablan pointed out that

the \$65,000 excluded expenses to be incurred from Northern Islands.

Every election, CEC spent \$11,125 for charter service of election workers who went to Northern Islands.

"The budget is not counting the charter for Northern Islands because we will ask other agencies and departments to assist our people in their charters in their scheduled trip to Northern Islands," board chairperson Sablan said, adding that agencies such as the Division Fish and Wildlife may give a free ride to their workers.

"Our alternative is hitching a ride with those departments that usually go to the islands," added Sablan.

However, election officials pointed out that if no trip is scheduled within the allotted time, CEC will be forced to bring its charter flight to Northern Islands.

"We will have no choice but to bring the charter at the islands for the election..." said Guerrero, adding that under the existing law there is a 10-day window for CEC to conduct elections

on the austerity bill and may come up with another version of the measure.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), Sen. Frank Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), and Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) met on Friday afternoon to discuss the latest version of HB 17-45.

The bill exempts from the austerity

Fire trucks and ambulances use diesel gasoline. Power plants also run on diesel gasoline.

Public Safety Director for Tinian Ray Pangelinan reiterated yesterday that all patrol vehicles, which use regular gasoline, are "adequately filled" for emergency response.

Tinian ran out of regular gasoline late Friday morning because the delivery didn't come on time, and gasoline stations on the island had to put up a sign that reads, "Our gas supply will resume Aug. 9, 2010 after lunch."

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) earlier cited reasons for the delayed arrival of gas supply to the island, based on his phone conversation with Gennaro Cioffi, who is Mobil Oil Guam, Marianas and Mi-

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exceeding 48 hours.

But the measure requires that only a "minimum" number of these agencies' personnel will be given flexible austerity day.

The other agencies will have "austerity Fridays," which means their offices will be closed every payday Friday.

However, the Standing Committee on House Bill 17-45 has yet to report

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Tinian officials said they were not aware of this, but warned that selling regular gasoline for such a steep price especially during times of shortage is a violation of law.

"That's price gouging, and that's illegal. We will look into this," Dela Cruz said.

Regular gasoline on Tinian costs \$4.42 a gallon, while diesel is \$4.38 a gallon.

One of the three Mobil gasoline stations on Tinian yesterday reiterated that the diesel gasoline supply on the island remains stable, and it's only regular gasoline that they ran out of since Friday.

Federal court denies another motion filed by Tim, Santos couple

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The federal court has denied another motion filed by former lieutenant governor Timothy P. Villagomez, James A. Santos, and Joaquina V. Santos.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett denied the motion to settle record filed by defendants Villagomez, and the Santos couple, who are all currently serving their sentences in federal prison for their participation in the Rydlyme corruption scandal.

"Under the circumstances, it is difficult to give much credence to the defendants' 11th hour contention that the public was totally excluded from jury selection," Bennett said.

At the very least, the judge said, the defendants either knew or should have known at

the time of trial of the issue on which they now seek supplementation of the trial record.

The defendants, through counsel, assert that the present record does not reflect that members of the public were entirely excluded from jury selection.

In support of that contention, the defendants offered eight affidavits, more than a year after the fact.

One of the affidavits is from a court security officer averring that the court had instructed him that only attorneys, defendants, and prospective jurors were allowed in the courtroom during jury selection.

The other seven are from members of the families of either the defendants or the defendants' trial attorneys, averring that they and

other members of the public were excluded from jury selection.

The seven also stated that they were told that only attorneys, defendants, and prospective jurors were allowed to enter the courtroom.

The defendants in their motion to settle record asked the court to permit further briefing and conduct further proceedings as appropriate to determine

what truly occurred in the district court in so far as the question of public exclusion from the jury selection is concerned.

The U.S. government argued that the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure does not allow the relief sought, because the defendants seek to build a new record and rewrite what happened in the trial court, not resolve differences

in the existing record.

The U.S. government, through the U.S. Attorney's Office, also asserted that the defendants' request is "moot" because the defendants seek to raise for the first time on appeal an issue that requires development of additional facts.

In denying the motion, Bennett said if a total exclusion of the public occurred during jury selection in the trial on March 30, 2009, the defendants and their trial counsel knew or should have known of that total exclusion when it purportedly occurred.

"This is so, because the affidavits that the defendants have now assembled, who allege that they were excluded from the courtroom, during jury selection, include family members of the defendants and the wife of one of the defense attorneys who was assisting her husband

in this case," Bennett said.

Bennett pointed out that the record shows that during jury selection, and again in the course of trial, defense counsel objected to the court's refusal to release for use by the general public seats reserved for visiting students but never asserted that

all members of the public were being excluded from jury selection at the trial judge's direction.

In April 2010, Bennett also denied the defendants' renewed motion to be released on bail while their appeal is pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



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Students demonstrate cultural dance talent in grand finale

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Students of the Chamorro and Refaluwasch cultural dance lessons offered by the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as part of the 2010 Summer Reading & Cultural Fair did an impressive grand finale performance at the library last Saturday.

The cultural dance apprentices, who were of varying ages, performed in front of a very keen and excited crowd at the Children's Room of the library Saturday afternoon.

The 2010 Summer Reading & Cultural Fair is a joint venture of the Joeten-Kiyu Public

Library, CNMI Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The program, which commenced on June 23 and concluded last July 31, attracted the participation of young students of different ethnicities.

The Chamorro dance students presented various celebrated dances, including the Hafa Adai dance. The Inatuas Dance Group, headed by instructor April Repeki, conducted the Chamorro dance lessons.

Repeki said she was excited to see her young students learn the basics of four different dances

in only a month. It usually takes about two months to learn the routines, she said.

"I just hope they pass along what they learned and share the culture with others because our culture is fading. I hope these kids bring it alive," said Repeki.

Meanwhile, the Refaluwasch group performed Carolinian dance routines, including the well-known war dance. Kiki Marciano handled the Refaluwasch dance lessons.

After the performances of each group, each student asked a member of the audience to learn and execute a few steps from their dance routine.

Fun and excitement was in

the air as spectators, including library executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales and Library Council chairman Joe Limes, gladly accepted the challenge.

Jonathan Ada, 7, said he had a good time learning Refaluwasch dances over the summer, particularly the war dance.

An incoming second grader at the Garapan Elementary School, Ada said he would want to enroll again and learn more dances.

At age 3, Trisha Ramangmou was the youngest student

in the summer dance class. Of all the dances she learned, Ramangmou said she liked Hafa Adai the best.

Patricia Norita, Ramangmou's mother, said she enrolled Trisha and her two other daughters, 8-year-old Elicia Ramangmou and 6-year-old Kawai Ramangmou, to the dance program so they can spend their summer doing worthwhile activities.

Aside from the dance routines, some of the students also showcased the cultural accessories and beadworks they made during the program.

Juannie Ada Tenorio, 9, created a complete set of bead ac-

cessories which included different types of necklaces, a ring, bracelet, and anklet.

She said she goes to the library with her grandmother who helped her work on those beads.

Executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune* that he is very pleased with the outcome of the cultural aspect of their summer program.

"I'm grateful that we're able to accomplish physical exercise, presentation of our culture, and a leisurely lifestyle," he said.

Because of the success of the program, Gonzales said they have plans to make it a regular event over a longer period.

Retirement Fund sees need for 'disability test'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Due to the increasing number of disability claims and cases filed at the NMI Retirement Fund, board of trustees chairman Sixto Igisomar pointed out the need to implement a standard test that would classify the disability of individuals.

"I hope the CNMI government has this disability test where it will determine the [disability] level of an individual like what exists in other states," Igisomar said during Thursday's board meeting.

He said once implemented on island, this test would also help employers determine the appropriate salary for their disabled workers.

"Because we don't have this

test here... we're providing them equal salary with other employees unlike in other states where employers may reduce the salary of their disabled workers depending on their disability level," Igisomar said, adding that the CNMI's public and private sectors employ a large number of disabled workers.

He made the comments after Fund acting administrator Richard Villagomez reported an ongoing disability issue with the Public School System.

He said the Board of Education and the PSS provided a pre-approval of the employee's disability benefits pending the issuance of a certification from the Fund.

However, the said employee has resigned for other reason and now applying for her dis-

ability benefits to the Fund.

Villagomez said PSS wrote the Fund two weeks ago asking for the processing of the employee's disability benefit. The acting administrator seeks the board's input on the issue, but was instructed to make a full review.

Villagomez cited the need to revisit the Fund's disability regulations to address re-occurring concerns.

"Because of the concerns we face on our disability claims, I suggest that we conduct a comprehensive review of our disability regulations and see how we can tighten our policies," Villagomez told the board of trustees.

Besides the PSS issue, the Fund is also attending to a number of disability cases filed in court.

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Filing charges warranted vs man who attacked sister with crowbar

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona has found probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against a man accused of beating up his sister and hit her with a crowbar at their house.

Manglona said after hearing the testimony of the government's witness, reviewing the evidence presented, and hearing the arguments of counsel, she found that the government presented sufficient evidence to establish probable cause that the assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturb-

ing the peace were committed, and that Jesse James I. Sablan committed these offenses.

At the preliminary hearing, Manglona ordered the 35-year-old Sablan to answer the charges.

The judge said the cash bail for Sablan remains at \$20,000.

Arraignment was set for today, Monday, at 9am.

Unable to post bail, Manglona remanded the defendant to the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Assistant Attorney General Benjamin K. Petersburg appeared for the government.

Assistant Public Defender Michael Brown served as counsel for the defendant.

Police said the victim had a lacerated eyelid and lumps on the forehead and near the left eye. Her car was also damaged when her brother, Sablan, shattered the front and rear windshields with the crowbar.

Detective Simon T. Manacop stated in his report that police responded to a residence in Tanapag last July 26 after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Police investigation showed that Sablan said some profani-

ties to the victim's son, prompting the victim to tell her son not to talk to the defendant.

Sablan allegedly punched

the victim repeatedly then hit her with a crowbar on the chest and back.

The defendant then shat-

tered the windshields of the victim's car that was parked in front of the house. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Employee files wrongful termination complaint vs Big Boyz Marine

A maintenance repairer has filed a complaint before the Department of Labor against his employer of 13 years—Big Boyz Marine Sports Inc.—for alleged wrongful termination of his contract.

Through the assistance of the Federal Ombudsman's Office, Gilbert Imperial Calalay asked Labor to hold Big Boyz Marine liable to pay him compensatory damages for wrongful termination and breach of contract.

When *Saipan Tribune* yesterday contacted Big Boyz Marine for comments, its president Masanari Yasuda said their glass coating chemical is missing and that it's only Calalay who knows about it.

Yasuda also admitted that his payment of wages to some workers was delayed because of the bad economy. He said his English is not good and that he will let someone talk on the issues by today, Monday.

In his letter to Labor director James Ulloa dated July 16, 2010, Yasuda stated that they are terminating Calalay due to his "illegal actions."

"The company is giving him good chances but he keeps on repeating the same ways," said Yasuda as he attached a copy of his warning letter and incident and criminal reports.

Calalay, 46, demanded damages in an amount equal to the balance of wages from his termination on July 13, 2010 to the expiration of his contract on Oct. 12, 2011.

The maintenance repairer requested Labor to allow him to

transfer to a new employer.

In his complaint, Calalay said Big Boyz Marine hired him as maintenance repairer in 1997.

He said the company did not pay his salary since June 1, 2010 then served him with a termination letter on July 29, 2010.

The worker said his employer, Yasuda, unfairly accused him of stealing glass coating chemical.

"I told him I did not steal anything from the company. I asked him why he thinks I stole it, but he was mad and did not give me a proper explanation," Calalay said.

The complainant said after learning that he sought assistance from the Federal Ombudsman's Office, on July 26, 2010 the company gave him three checks in the total amount of \$535.10 for his wages from May 30, 2010 to July 10, 2010.

Calalay said the company's own alleged witness disclosed to him that Yasuda promised to pay money in exchange for testifying against him (Calalay).

He said he checked with the Department of Public Safety to clear his name, and that an investigator told him that there was actually no complaint filed.

Calalay also asked Labor to investigate Big Boyz's non-payment of wages to some of its Chinese workers.

Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Jerry Cody set a mediation hearing for today, Monday, at 9am at Labor. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Retirement Fund liquidates \$18M in assets

Retirement Fund acting administrator Richard Villagomez disclosed to the board of trustees that \$18 million worth of assets from two of its money managers are now being liquidated.

It was reported that the Fund is conducting a partial liquidation of JP Morgan's assets which is close to \$12 million. The cash is being withheld in the bank of which \$1.5 million was used as reserve fund for the Fund's housing loan program. A portion of the liquidated funds is also planned to be used in paying for the monthly pension benefits of members to prevent withdrawal from the investment fund.

Villagomez said \$6 million in assets previously handled by Nicholas Applegate were also being liquidated.

"It's on its way...and it will go straight to us," reported Villagomez during Friday's board meeting.

The money manager was terminated in April as a result of poor performance based on its benchmarks.

The acting administrator, however, pointed out that both funds have earned interest in the bank during the liquidation process.

The increase and reduction of the Fund's money managers will depend on the recommendation and findings of the asset modeling liability being conducted by consultants Buck Consultants and Merrill Lynch.

The board deferred the decision on where to invest the liquidated funds, citing the important recommendation of the asset modeling liability study.

The Fund is investing 71 percent of its assets in equities, while 29 percent is in fixed income.

Besides the pending result of the asset liability study, decision on investments is also being hampered by the selection of new investment consultant.

"I recommend that the board makes the decision on these matters once the asset liability study is completed and the selection of new investment consultant is done," board chairman Sixto Igismar told the board.

As of Friday, interviews for the Top 4 candidates were completed and a decision will be made soon by the board.

The Fund earlier disclosed that decision to look for a new investment consultant was a result of a higher fee being asked by the current consultant.

The company has proposed an increase of service fee from 3 basis points to 5 basis points—or five percent of one percent. Monetary value for the proposed rate is about \$180,000 yearly. *(Moneth G. Deposa)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 9, 1999

Failure to pass FY 2000 budget would hike deficit by \$4 million

The powerful House Ways and Means Committee is wrapping up its review of the proposed \$206 million budget submitted by the Tenorio administration for Fiscal Year 2000, and the Legislature is expected to vote on the appropriation measure within the next few weeks. Lawmakers must approve the spending package as the cash-strapped government could not afford to run under continuing resolution and follow appropriated amount from the previous fiscal year, according to committee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes. Failure to pass the budget could throw the Commonwealth into deeper financial woes as it has been saddled with debts and huge budget deficit since Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio assumed office in January 1998.

Ingram says purchase of patrol cars may have to wait

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Charles Ingram yesterday said he is in favor of purchasing patrol cars for the agency instead of leasing a fleet of vehicles in order to pare down the agency's expenditures. Such move, according to Ingram, will save DPS huge amount in the long run. However, any purchase plan will not be carried out in Fiscal 2000 because it is not included in the department's spending package. The department is also eyeing the possibility of contracting maintenance of the vehicles since it would be cheaper than hiring mechanics to do the job, he added.

Aug. 9, 2000

Law restricts activities on Managaha

Managaha Island and its surrounding waters is now a marine conservation area in a bid by the CNMI to protect the popular tourist site from unrestricted commercial and recreational activities. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday signed Public Law 12-12 or the Managaha Marine Conservation Act of 2000—the first ever sanctuary created by government—as he noted that regulations aimed at safeguarding the area's resources will preserve its beauty for future generations. Any violation of the new rules will result to a fine of between \$500 to \$10,000 and seizure of equipment and items by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources through the proposed Marine Conservation Section, according to the landmark law.

DDC enforces independent living for PWD

The Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council has renewed its campaign to promote independence among persons with disabilities through a position statement recognizing their right to own their own homes. The DDC State Plan Committee during its third quarterly general membership meeting adopted a move to afford adults with developmental disabilities living conditions that are affordable, accessible, and equitable. "It is the council's belief that adults with developmental disabilities are entitled to live wherever and whomever they choose. It is equally important that adults and parents of children with developmental disabilities have the capability to access the different services needed to support their choices, as well as individuals have the opportunities and information needed to make choices about where to live," according to the council.


Aug. 9, 2001

NMIRF to sign referral contract sans trust fund


The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund expects to sign by next week the contract that would hire the services of a Honolulu-based medical referral company yet questions still remain as to the viability and wisdom of the move. This came to light after the Fund's legal counsel, Kathleen Troy-Rucker, said that the Fund has not brought up with the government yet the Fund's plan to loan \$1 million to Group Health and Life Insurance. That amount is supposedly the seed money for a joint trust fund that would be set up between Group Health and the Hawaii Pacific Medical Referrals Inc.—the company that would handle the off-island medical referrals of Group Health subscribers.

Unserved warrants flood court

At least two thousand bench warrants issued by the courts in the CNMI have not been served, which have so far deprived the judiciary of uncollected bail and fines amounting to millions of dollars. This was disclosed by police major Clyde Norita, the Department of Public Safety's chief for special services. "We have a listing of pending bench warrants," Norita said in a press briefing yesterday. A bench warrant is an order from a court empowering the proper legal authorities to seize a person, commonly used to compel his attendance in court.



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DC 09-351	Xu, Jinji	Century Corporation	August 12, 2010	9:00 A.M.
DC 09-1025	Acaba, Nelson M.	Elm's Inc.	August 12, 2010	9:00 A.M.
DC 09-1050	Naol, Salvador G. Jr.	Gem's Corporation	August 12, 2010	9:00 A.M.
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DC 09-902	Chen, Dongshun	Great Sunshine Corporation	August 12, 2010	9:00 A.M.
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8 members of Awaodori Group to join Japan festival this month

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REPORTER

Eight young members of the Saipan Awaodori Group will represent the CNMI and participate in the Awaodori Festival in Japan this month.

All eight kids joined other volunteers of Paseo de Marianas Promoters, Inc. in their monthly cleanup in Garapan last Saturday.

Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters, Inc. told *Saipan Tribune* during the cleanup that the kids are scheduled to leave for Koenji, Tokyo on Aug. 26 to take part in the 54th Tokyo Koenji Awaodori Dance Festival to be held Aug. 28-29.

Some of the kids are still waiting for their passports to be issued. The Saipan Awaodori Group members will fly back to Saipan on Sept. 2, added Siwa.

Held annually on the last weekend of August, the Koenji Awaodori Dance Festival is the second largest of all the Awaodori festivals held all over Japan, next to the one in Tokushima.

Throughout the festival, thousands of dancers perform the Awa dance to upbeat music and parade along the streets of Koenji.

According to Siwa, the eight

members were chosen by Yukihiro Iwanami of the Tokyo Tensuiren Group when they flew to Saipan for the Saipan Awaodori Festival last April.

The Tokyo Tensuiren Group is part of the Koenji Awaodori Organization in Japan. Aside from the Saipan Awaodori Festival, the group also participates in the Fourth of July festivities.

Siwa said the kids will be accompanied during their trip by Misako Kamata and Hideaki Sawada, who serve as directors of PDM Promoters.

Each kid will need at least \$700 for their airfare and accommodations during their trip, she said.

Siwa said PDM Promoters will sponsor part of these costs while the kids, along with PDM volunteers, conduct fundraising activities to come up with the rest of the funds needed for the trip.

These activities include the Saipan Awaodori booth they have at the Garapan Street Market on Thursdays where they accept donations of any amount; placing of donation boxes at the Kimpachi and Furusato Restaurants along Paseo de Marianas; coin drives every Friday along San Jose intersection; and their booth at the carnival grounds

during the month-long Fourth of July celebration.

Siwa said the kids stopped their coin drives for a while to give way to the Little Leagues' coin drive. She said they will resume this Friday from 2pm to 6pm pending the approval of their permit with the Department of Public Safety.

For donations or more information, contact PDM Promoters at 234-6900.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Members of the Saipan Awaodori Group, who will participate in the 54th Tokyo Koenji Awaodori Dance Festival on Aug. 28 and 29, join volunteers of PDM Promoters, Inc. for a group photo right before their monthly cleanup last Aug. 7 at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan.



Man in biggest 'ice' haul gets 135-month jail term

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REPORTER

The federal court on Friday imposed a sentence of 11 years and three months to one of four persons busted in the biggest haul of methamphetamine or "ice" in the CNMI.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter sentenced Biao Huang to 135 months in prison, for one count of conspiracy to distribute "ice" and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Carter conducted the sentencing late Friday afternoon. *Saipan Tribune* will release today, Monday, more details of the sentencing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto appeared for the U.S. government. Lawyer Anthony G. Long served as counsel for Huang.

Huang, a Chinese male, pleaded guilty last March to the indictment that charged him with one count of conspiracy to distribute "ice" and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Huang and Sheng Lian in August 2009 for trying to sell 947 grams of "ice" to two undercover FBI agents inside a hotel room in Susupe.

Two others—Chun Mei Li and Ya Bin Huang—were later arrested, also for selling "ice." The entire operation reportedly

netted a total of 1,021.4 grams of "ice" worth \$510,000.

Lian pleaded guilty and subsequently sentenced on Feb. 17, 2010 to 11 years and three months.

Lin pleaded guilty and was sentenced on April 20, 2010 to 20 months in prison.

Huang also pleaded guilty and in February 2010 was sentenced to 36 months in prison.

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Deceased.

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NO. 10-0005**

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Small changes won't halt Cuban economy's free fall

It's amazing that the Castro brothers have any free hands left, what with having used so many fingers to plug the gushing dike that is Cuba's failed economy.

Their most recent stopper came Sunday, when Raul Castro announced another contradictory economic salvation: allowing more private enterprise. There are an estimated one million excess workers in Cuba, and the government needs them off its bloated redundant workforce.

Cubans have long made ends meet with what they euphemistically call "by the left"—illegal capitalism.

The Cuban government is getting in on the game by relaxing prohibitions on business licenses. This will allow the Castros to squeeze workers again by charging income and sales taxes on previously under-the-table transactions that working Cubans rely on.

This may be a welcome change for the self-employed who long for extra cash without dodging the state police. But it's not enough to save a woefully mismanaged central economy that does not have enough currency for food.

It's a step back to the mid 1990s, when more than 200,000 small businesses operated on the island. That leap toward capitalism to save communism fell short, and small business owners had the rug yanked from under them when the economy improved.

Two years into Raul Castro's drive to reform agriculture, that industry shrank 13 percent.

Even as he announces the pursuit to be less paternalistic and offer fewer services, his cabinet is more cautious. Economy Minister Marino Murillo should be taken at his word: "There shouldn't be any talk of reforms. Central planning will continue to rule."

Castro stepped into his brother's shoes exactly four years ago amid high hopes that he would make bold changes. The novelty of the DVD players and cell-phones he permitted has worn off, just as the buzz of new beauty parlors, taxi permits and other forms of self employment will wane if the government doesn't do a lot more to raise the quality of life, instead of merely padding government coffers.

Fidel Castro's recent appearances don't instill confidence. By popping up everywhere from TV shows to the aquarium, he is letting his little brother know that brash moves do not go unnoticed, and eager anticipation of meaningful change is premature.

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What if we had not become US citizens?

The other evening as I sat on my front porch watching the sunset slowly slip down over the edge of the ocean, my thoughts wandered. What kind of country would we have had if in 1986 the people had voted against becoming U.S. citizens and instead had decided to remain part of the Congress of Micronesia? Today 2010, 24 years later, are we glad or sorry that we made such a decision?

Let's discuss this decision especially in these tumultuous times when some of us doubt we made the right choice. Some of us feel that the United States has become a bully and a liability. But many of us are grateful that we did become citizens of the United States. We are being confused by dissent voices who many times do not reveal their true agenda.

We all know what happened on Nov. 2, 1986. All of the indignant people went to bed that night and when they woke up on Nov. 3, 1986, they were U.S. citizens with all rights and privileges as native born Americans.

It was so easy. No tests. No fees. No pledge of allegiance to the American flag. No need to know U.S. history. No need to understand U.S. culture and philosophy. U.S. citizenship was just handed to the people. Just like that everybody went to sleep and woke up as U.S. citizens. I wonder how many other people in the world wish it could happen so easily to them. I remember the difficulties my father and mother had to go through to get their citizenship papers. Till today many of us still do not understand its value.

A thought just rushed through my mind. Why didn't the Japanese, the Spaniards, or the Germans when they ruled the CNMI ever offer their country's citizenship to all the local people? Why did only the United States?

Let's review some of the benefits we have received for being under the U.S. umbrella. Some of us will disagree by saying they are not benefits but payments for "occupying our land." But for a starter: do any of our local people emigrate to FSM, Chuuck, Yap, Palau, looking for employment or to reside? Why not? Yet why are their citizens anxious to come to our islands to find work and reside?

Do these islands enjoy the same standard of living that we do? Do they also enjoy food stamp benefits as we do which amounts to over \$12 million plus per year? Do they get annual financial funding running into hundreds of millions of dollars from the U.S. government? Do they get Capital Improvement Project funding and funding for education and other economic development as the CNMI does?

Let's take a look at some of the monetary benefits we have been receiving from the U.S. since we became members of the American family. For instance, from 1978 to 1992, the U.S. gave us \$214,320,000.00 for operations of our government. Ever wonder why so many of us want to work for the government? Also since 1978 to 2006, we have received \$387 million for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). To sum it up, the U.S. government has given the CNMI a total of \$601,320,000.00 for these two items only!

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The above sum does not include the money given yearly for our educational system nor the food stamp program and other contributions. If we include all of these plus what we have been receiving since 2006, I am sure **the total is well over \$1.2 billion**. None of this has to be paid back. And the funding continues today! This money is given under the Covenant funding agreement. Compare this amount to the amount given to any other Pacific Island state.

Consider our local education in PSS. What would happen if Federal funding were not available? In 2006—2007 school year alone, the Federal government funded the public school system over \$30 million. This means that the federal funding is almost level with the local funding—50/50 percent. So it has been over the last several years. Would our children be able to enjoy school breakfast and lunches for low prices without federal funding?

Suppose we didn't have a U.S. postal system working in the CNMI? How about not being tied into the U.S. telephone mainline system? Have we ever considered all the benefits we receive for the socially and disadvantaged people? How about housing assistance programs made available to us by U.S. funding? What about drug enforcement? How about life saving and search and rescue activities performed by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard? Have we considered the promise of protection by the U.S. from any foreign aggression? What about the benefits of having a Federal Court in Saipan?

Let's continue examining some other programs such as weather service and typhoon warning systems, typhoon damage relief, loans for small businesses and for higher education studies, U.S. agricultural services and grants for farmers, children's head start programs, social security benefits, and diplomatic protection when traveling in foreign lands? Didn't many families just receive a child tax credit about a week ago? Who paid for the recently completed census?

Let us not forget the economic assistance and education from the EPA the DEQ. What if we didn't receive funding for the CRM and DLNR and Fish and Wildlife? And don't forget the ease in passing through various immigration counters in foreign countries easily because we have a U.S. passport. As recent as 1986, I recall seeing some of you stand in the line for foreigners both in Guam and in Hawaii. But now we pass through the U.S. citizen line quickly.

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Thoughts about pension obligation bonds and questions which may not have been asked

First of a two-part series

An article in the *Marianas Variety* (Aug. 6, 2010) carried the headline: "Retirees want to know how government can repay bond?"

This was followed by a quote from the president of the Commonwealth Retiree's Association speaking "only" on behalf of CRA's Board of Directors and not for the majority of members—"The retirees and the public should be assured that there will be no new tax that will be imposed on them to pay for the bond."

An editorial of the same date pointed out—"The proposed pension bond will be repaid with earnings from investments that, as history shows us, go up and down. This week the Retirement Fund revealed that a sizable number of its members have bolted from the rolls prompting the pension agency to issue another advisory to suspend withdrawals. At this stage, however, can the Fund prevent its membership from pulling out if they have no confidence in the agency? And while the Fund tethers members to a ship that is taking on a lot of water, has it also halted the practice of adding additional beneficiaries through adoptions?"

Also—but not noted in the above editorial observation—the government has also "capped" any possibility for new government employees to join the defined benefit plan (DBP) which otherwise would strengthen the Fund with new membership blood in an otherwise ever declining base of potential employer contribution revenue, not to mention the "freeze" on individual payroll deduction of all new member employees. Both sources of money unfortunately no longer being paid into the Fund's benefit plan. Apparently one way the NMI government hopes to correct the "shortfall" over a foreseeable period is to support the sale of pension obligation bonds. Lets look closer at that.

One has to wonder why anyone would want to purchase a NMI issued bond subject to a guarantee by the NMI government's em-

ployer contribution to the Fund's benefit plan when the following is considered:

1. The declining number of members in the benefit plan and the NMI government's overt encouragement for fund members to switch to the defined contribution plan (DCP) and thereby—as a result—maintain their own individual retirement plan which is, for the most part, outside that of the government, (except for the government's contribution of 4 cents on the dollar invested in the contribution plan which doesn't even compensate for inflation and the loss of the dollar's purchasing power).

As a result of government policy to freeze benefit plan membership the Fund is steadily declining with no new contributing members being added to the rolls. One would imagine a bond rating firm would insist upon a review of these statistics to measure the decline in membership since in some measure it represents the only group available for "pay-back" guaranty;

2. The NMI government's less than sterling record in honoring its legal obligations in a previously agreed timely manner in making payments to the Fund and by extension—for benefit plan members. This coupled with the apparent attempt through the issuance of a bond to shift its legal obligation away from itself to members of the Retirement Fund.

Consider that the Fund's members do not owe themselves money, rather the debt of the government IS OWED TO the Fund's members. It's as if the NMI government is saying to Fund members "Can you loan me the money so I can pay what I owe you." Duh;

3. One would expect any potential purchaser of a bond to also first request an audit evaluating the financial and management history of the Fund. History can be revealing;

4. The unresolved issues still before the U.S. District Court and the resulting impact on the Fund, the NMI Government and the retirees—one way or the other—should the Court become further involved;

(See <http://unheardnomore.blogspot.com/search?q=Doe+and+roe>);

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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5. The state of the NMI economy, of which the prognoses for any real measure of any degree of substantial growth anytime within the foreseeable future is anything but assured (at least from this economist's perspective) and an evaluation of those actions which could have been taken to stimulate its faltering economy—but were not;

Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's Corporation all use the same criteria for rating bonds. The higher the bond rating, the less it costs to borrow money—the lower the rating the more it costs. If I was going to discuss the merits of bond financing I believe the first thing I would do is to inquire about the NMI's rating on bonds previously issued. At least this would provide a rough idea—a "ball-park" figure—as to what to expect in the way of interest.

To set the stage for placing the issue of floating a bond on the ballot is one thing—but to publicly state unequivocally that one supports a bond before the facts and costs are known is quite another thing—and in my book—a bit premature. But that's just my opinion.

I would suggest avoiding going on record in support of a bond—any bond—before knowing the true cost in terms of the rate of interest, maturity details, penalties, etc. It seems to me it's better to wait until all the facts are known before announcing a position one way or the other.

To be continued.

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The above are only a few of the many programs and benefits that the U.S. keeps funding. Oh, yes, I almost forgot about the huge stimulus funding that we are currently receiving. How much did you say Kosrae, Yap, Palau, Chuuk, and FSM are receiving in stimulus funds?

We send our children to U.S. colleges and universities. We buy homes and go to live in the United States without hassle. We can also enjoy medical benefits. And so it goes. Yet something bothers some people who keep taking all this funding. Some of them are now requesting that we review our relationship with the United States.

I strongly urge us to examine our attitudes towards the United States. True, at times our relations with the United States become strained, but we must continue to work out our difficulties. Compromise is the essence of all good agreements. We give—they give. Both sides must be winners.

If you think we don't need the U.S. anymore, erase out all the financial benefits mentioned above and let us become a member of the Micronesian group of islands again. But be careful not to wish too hard for something that we are not really too sure about. It may just come true.

Think of a piece of toast. One side is not buttered but the other side is heaped with butter. Our benefits are somewhat like that piece of toast. Do we want the plain side because of our false pride? Or do we prefer the side heaped with butter? Let's be careful how we choose. Ingratitude is never taken too lightly by the giver. Let us ponder carefully before we react too emotionally and blow all we have away.

Let's stop listening to the 22 percent demigods in our community who voted against our union with the U.S. Instead the 78 percent must stand up for the belief they expressed in 1986. Liberty once lost is rarely regained.

Freedom must be fought for every day or it will be destroyed.

Thomas Paine's words ring out clearly from his essay *The American Crisis* written over two hundred years ago:

WHAT WE OBTAIN TOO CHEAP, WE ESTEEM TOO LIGHTLY; IT IS DEARNESS ONLY THAT GIVES EVERYTHING ITS VALUE...AND IT WOULD BE STRANGE INDEED IF SO CELESTIAL AN ARTICLE AS FREEDOM SHOULD NOT BE HIGHLY RATED.

History has shown us that more nations are destroyed from internal dissension than from external forces. Are we going to let a few malcontents and profiteers destroy our great nation for which we have struggled so hard to achieve? Have a great day!

Don Farrell's two holes on the ground

The "two holes on the ground" image was used by Nancy R. Bartlit, one of the presenters at the NMICH-supported Tinian Symposium on the Manhattan Project held Aug. 5 and 6 at the Tinian Dynasty. The imagery became 3-D for first time visitors like me at the bomb assembly site where the symposium held a memorial service on the second day of the symposium.

Nancy is a blue-penned grad of Smith College in Massachusetts who taught in Japan before marrying her Los Alamos beau. That began an inter-cultural journey bridging the Land of the Rising Sun with the Land of Enchantment. The book *Silent Voices of World War II*, co-authored with her graduate school mentor Everett M. Rogers of UNM, examines how veterans and civilians of WWII were treated. It narrates remembrances from the Bataan Death March, the Navajo codetalkers, the Japanese internment in Santa Fe, and the Manhattan Project.

Nancy and other distinguished academicians as fellow presenters regaled symposium participants with vignettes, rewardingly detailed minutiae in some, of aspects of the Manhattan Project, knots and bolts of product materiel, colorful personnel, varied locations, and unsynchronous inter-organizational relations.

The mere facticity of Aug. 6, 1945, 8:15am (9:15am on Tinian) was dramatically experienced with the forlorn sound of "taps" in the middle of nowhere, an existential high point of the Symposium; it was not, however, the focus of the gathering. U.S. Rep. Kilili remarked in his welcome remarks, "We forget the lessons of the past at our peril."

The current move out of forward bases in Japan, and, perhaps, Korea, is not a matter of "whether or not" as it is a case of "when." G.I. Joe has had some turbulent *soju* moments with *Hanggulsaram*; now, non-rabble-rousing Koreans are loudly musing that, perhaps, the communal arrangement with Uncle Sam by the river Han that has prevailed for "60 years is long enough." The belligerency of *Chosun saram's* Kim dynasty may be abated were *Koryo* kins to eyeball each other rather than be mediated through the industrial-military complexes of the Pentagon and the PLA of the CMC of the CCP!

Japan's recent Premier lost his seat over his support of a popular sentiment regarding U.S. forces in Okinawa that is not quite acceptable to current power structures in Japan and the USA. However, as the Marianas remain the sole remaining U.S. sovereign location in the Western Pacific, an indeterminate future is descending on us.

U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos' presence at the Aug. 5 memorial in Hiroshima is a step in the right direction. When President

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Obama visits Japan in November, it is hoped that he would drop-in on Hiroshima or Nagasaki, if only to dramatize his intent to promote programs of nuclear deterrence.

Characteristically, Fox News aired Gene Tibbet's comment (Paul's son) that Roos' presence constituted an act of contrition. Washington correspondent Andrea Stone wrote that on the 50th commemoration of the A-bomb in 1995, members and friends of the 509th Composite Group erected in their former home at Wendover a monument that says: "*The loss of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, are especially recognized in this memorial for their sacrifice to mankind's struggle for a more peaceful world. May this monument stand as a symbol of hope that mankind will reason and work together for the ultimate goal of world peace.*" Not apology nor contrition, but humble empathy comes through.

Three-time Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba received the 2010 Ramon Magsaysay Award for his role in the global campaign to abolish nuclear weapons. Presence of the UN Sec. Gen. and members of the diplomatic corps (save China which takes exception to non-apologetic Nippon's stance towards the incident at Mukden and the rape of Nanjing) in this 65th year Hiroshima memorial can only be heartening.

President Ike's warning of the undue influence and power of the military-industrial complex is haunting Uncle Sam's audit as huge amounts of project funds to defense contractors are unaccounted for, or remain undone long after the funds had been released.






War as an instrument of diplomacy is deadly; standing professional armed forces passé. Dan Farrell's stance straddling the two bomb holes on the ground at North Field is clearly that of two feet on what is "No Longer" and on what is "Not Yet." Anyone who has navigated through his NMI history textbook senses that he has plumbed the depths of the Marianas Trench to provide academic clarity over his subject. He embodies the scars and glories of the Marianas past in his bones!

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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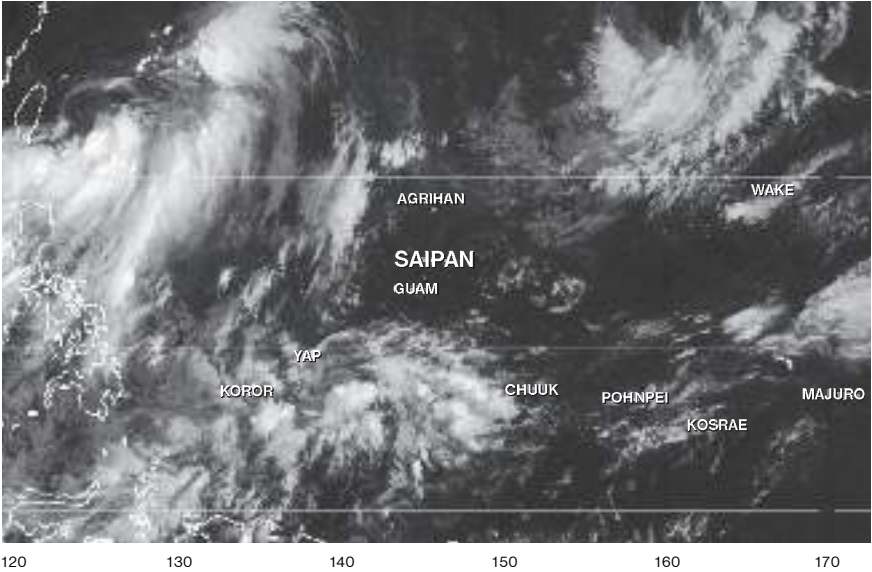
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches northeastward from 22N130E to beyond 133E at 25N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring along the trough axis south of Okinawa within 80 miles of a line from 20N130E to 25N135E as well as northwest of the CNMI within 80 miles of a line from 16N138E to 23N143E. A surface trough extends northeastward across Yap state from 1N141E to 11N143E. Converging winds near the trough are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap between 10N and 4N from 140E to 150E. Converging southwest winds west of the trough are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror within an area bounded by a line from 5N130E to 7N138E to EQ138E to EQ130E back to 5N130E. A surface low centered well to the northeast of Minami Tori Shima at 26N159E and an upper-level low centered near 26N161E are combining to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within an area bounded by a line from 25N157E to 25N166E to 20N160E to 20N155E back to 25N157E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers just north of Kwajalein within 100 miles of a line from 10N165E to 14N176E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Tuesday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:43 AM	5:53 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	6:49 AM	7:30 PM
Thursday	7:50 AM	8:16 PM
Friday	8:50 AM	9:00 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
CO9597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	CO9598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
CO9317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	CO9316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	CO9600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
CO9603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	CO9602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	CO9604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
CO9599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	CO9606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1	4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
CO9317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT				via NGO
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
CO9603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	CO890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
CO9603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
CO9599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
							via ICN
				PR110/CO9596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
							via GUM
				CO892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3.5 via GUM-Palau
				CO934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
CO9603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
				OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
							via ICN
				CO910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Letters to the Editor

A knee-jerk attempt

It is interesting so far that the Tinian Gaming Control Commission is heeding to good reasons. May this be a natural chain of events and bring upon the minds of these commissioners that the public trust is not a game to be played because of the loophole in the law. Nothing is more important to the public interest than the transparency by the Tinian Gaming Control Commission's uses of all public funds under its control and jurisdiction. So, roll the dice and

let it fall its natural randomness and disclose the true and certified account of the public funds as far back in time as necessary.

A 20-percent cut in salary looks noble to the naked eye, but is this just a knee-jerk attempt to pacify the curiosity of concerned and interested public who are the stakeholders of the public interest in the enterprise of the Tinian Gaming Control Commission? What is fair and just compensation is not a difficult task to calculate and justify.

Plethora of questions

To Sen. Paul Manglona

If you believe in what you are saying that the people of the Commonwealth cannot simply oppose the Department of Interior's self-interest recommendations to Congress, then I ask you this question. As a veteran lawmaker where and what were you doing decades ago? Did you do anything to rectify the priority of training and employing our people? What were you doing prior to the demise of the garment industry then? Are you saying that FAS citizens should also be given outright citizenship? Did you ever consider that the continued growth in population then and now was a serious problem to our infrastructure, economy, social, and cultural well-being of our people and future generations? Did you ever consider then and now that our public services especially our medical facilities, Public School System, public safety, and of course public utilities are in grave debt due to the lack of additional funding to subsidize the increase in population?

In my view recently the Department of Interior slashed the Compact Impact funding for the CNMI and gave additional to our neighboring island due to the increase in migration of FAS citizens, something that a majority of our leaders then should have been seriously addressing to the Department of Interior.

Senator, for years I had been addressing the issues on prioritizing the training and employment of our people in order to take over those positions occupied by foreign guest workers to include additional Compact Impact financial subsidies for both the FAS and foreign guest workers employed in our homeland

who utilize our public services.

As for the Department of Interior who are responsible for all insular areas I ask this question. Why did they sit back and watch the CNMI, a U.S. territory, under their jurisdiction fall apart? Certain individuals within the Interior should be investigated as to what was their intention other than the federal control of our Immigration?

Remember that they drafted and refined the current U.S. Public 110-229 and the actual intent and reason behind the law was of NATIONAL SECURITY and BORDER CONTROL.

As for consultation, I believe that the Interior had prevailed when Public Law 110-229 passed in U.S. Congress addressing Immigration reform in our homeland. Lastly, is six hours enough time for our government to respond to a self-interest recommendation drafted by the Department of Interior newly installed Deputy Secretary Tony Babauta, called CONSULTATION?

In my opinion it's called DISRESPECT to our government and our people as a whole Sen. Manglona and a clear violation of our Covenant agreements pertaining to CONSULTATIONS. Do any of our people understand the connections between former Deputy Secretary of Interior Allen Stayman, David Cohen, and Tony Babauta, the new deputy secretary? They are one of the same ensuring outright permanent residency and citizenship to foreigners on all insular areas under their jurisdiction just as they did with the Virgin Islands.

Gregorio Cruz
Taotao Tano

before his VFW Dad, his family and his island, he choked in his own poetic and lyrical expressions of what can only be a rich organic imagination.

I will be accused of portraying a Farrell not of our common acquaintance. But on the two bomb holes on the ground on Friday, Farrell stood as a sensitive spirit giant whose quality of vision and determination elicited an unmistakable challenge to be likewise from those discerning enough of the call of the occasion.

We all stand between the no-longer and the not-yet. What we do lies our fate and destiny.

tify. But, when greed by those in control is a silent factor, there is a narrow passage to resolving this matter. The old argument that it is in the public interest to guard against corruption by a corrupt commissioner justifies the high salary of these commissioners. Incentive or deterrent of corruption should not be pegged on the level of salary that these commissioners should be compensated for, but it should be based on open and well planned course of actions.

We are reminded once again, that when greed is in play one becomes a master of ploy and secrecy who is guided by a blind intention. Our only hope in cases like these is that we can either pull or push these officials to be guided by what Jesus teaches us about doing the right action. In 1 Timothy 6:9, it says "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown

Biba man'amko

Last Sunday I went to Guam for visit my family. My boy took me to McDonald's for breakfast where the senior citizens meeting place because McDonald's give them discount, 35 cent for a coffee with refill.

It's a big surprise, that I met my long time friends ask me what is my secret how to maintained your healthy body and look younger than ever. I told them you join the *man'amko* on Saipan. My friends answered, what I do over there, just sit down and play bingo? Oh no, we have complete fitness from bike rider, heart rate training zone, health rider body aerobic, other bike electric massage, walking machine, plus scorpion and a billiard table, karaoke, and many, many more.

We are doing computer class and morning exercises, which out computer instructor, Mr. Sinchy Kapwich facilitates for our mental and physical well-beings. And many more activity like we play bowling, golf, and softball.

And once a month, the Korean barber shop in town gives us a free haircut and our director of the Aging Center brings the local island-born doctor, Dr. Hocog, to take care all the *man'amko* health care.

For me, he is the best doctor on island. I can compare to the other important doctors from the mainland U.S., because within three months of checking my health, my condition's back to normal. Before I used to take in seven different kinds of medications, but now I maintain with only two kinds. In the Aging Center, we have also 10 members from different countries like Hawaii, America, Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines, and the five from our neighboring islands in Micronesia. Again, I want to thank our director Rose Mandal.

Biba *man'amko* and God bless

Manong Teddy Guiao
Navy Hill

men in destruction and perdition." Furthermore, we can continue this thought and check again 1 Timothy 6:10, thus, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." But, then again we do

not know what is enough and how these commissioners view what their true value is. We can draw some inferences about this in Ecclesiastes 5:10, this summed up our love of money, thus, "He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity." If

we are looking for reasons, the teaching of Jesus Christ is the only way out of this mess. We hope that all will be guided in their public duty by a divine master, and that is nothing more than Jesus Christ.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa

We need to create a win-win situation

The bill Rep. Terisita Santos introduced for the purpose of generating revenue to support the Rota Scholarship Foundation and the Rota referral program is a good one.

It is important to understand that the natural resources used for profit should also be a source to fund necessary program important for the community as those resources belongs to the community.

At the same time, we need to ask the question of reasonableness. Is the taxation imposed is reasonable? That I do not know. However, I understand the need.

What we need to understand is the business aspect. Is a 10-percent tax reasonable? To me, if this tax is to go to the education of our young and the support to assist the sick. Of course, I am in total support.

We have to be mindful also from a business stand point. If the business's profit margin is 10 percent and we add to that a 10 percent tax, perhaps the owner may simply fold and totally stop operation.

That of course is a lose-lose situation. What we are looking for is a win-win situation. So, we have to be careful of what

we are asking. The idea is to have a win-win situation where there is equity and fairness both for the community and the investor. That is the balance we need to establish.

Remember, the investor is what we need now and we also have to protect them in order to continue laying the eggs that we need to eat and survive. We need to debate the issue and seek for a balance policy that would create an environment of a "win-win" situation.

Frank Atalig
Sinapalo 1, Rota

DON FARRELL

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But Friday, Don Farrell did not play the blame-game, or succumb to pseudo-contrition. "Peace in the Pacific" was an appropriate marking to the event's wreath, and we all know that peace is not the mere absence of war (and bombs). His contextual remarks is a classic merging of profound human compassion, comprehensive intellectual lucidity, intense visionary alacrity, and *man'amko* sensitivity to the imminent sunset of one's years. No surprise then that

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Community favors long-term contract for next NMC prexy



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Former House speaker Oscar Rasa speaks before members of the NMC Presidential Search Committee during a public forum Friday on campus. Rasa, along with other members of the public, expressed support in providing a long-term contract for the incoming president and urged the creation of a credential committee that will evaluate the top candidates.

» Search panel urged to form credential committee to evaluate bets

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Community members who attended Friday's public forum called by the Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee supported the idea of providing a long-term contract to the next NMC president to establish a stable leadership in the college.

This after they expressed concern on the high turnover rate of

NMC presidents, with a total of seven chief executive officers in the last 10 years.

Besides the long-term contract, one public member also urged the formation of a credential committee that would evaluate the top candidates.

NMC has been without a president since April 12 when the Board of Regents terminated the contract of Dr. Carmen Fernandez, who they found violated some policies and regulations of the board.

Former House Speaker Oscar Rasa believes that the high turnover rate of CEOs in the college was a result of the lack of "coherent policies" for the selection of a president.

He presented to the presidential search group some guidelines adopted by many colleges in California that may help guide the panel in looking for the right president.

Rasa said the panel should not only focus on the candidate's academic record because a degree and experience alone is not adequate.

"How can you fully evaluate me if those are the only factors? I recommend the creation of a credential committee that would do it...because there are hidden capabilities. It's hard to judge a person just by looking at these factors," Rasa told the panel members.

Prior to the final selection, the former speaker pointed out the need to inform the top candidates on the real situation of the college's programs and curriculum and the accreditation status to see how they can fit in to the position.

For Skep Palacios, an em-

ployee of the college and who spoke as a member of the public, NMC is in dire need of a CEO who can effectively articulate the missions and goals of the institution.

"We need a president who has listening skills and who could understand all sides of the situation and not a particular faction only. He/she must have a broad and strong background especially in higher education," said Palacios, adding that a good president knows how to align the college's academic programs and curriculum to the demands of the community.

Danny Kintol, a student, pointed out the need to find a leader who has the heart to listen and work with the students.

"Because our college is unique and diverse, we need a president with strong leadership skills, willing to work with students, and would accommodate each and every single concern of students...because the mission is 'Students First,'" said Kintol.

When asked what would be the top priority work for the incoming president, Kintol said accreditation tops it all.

James Revilla, the college database administrator, asked the search panel to include the knowledge about "program review" as among the capabilities of the next president.

"Many colleges in California are in probation status because of the program review...so I think it's very important to see someone who has experience in managing program review successfully," he told the search panel.

NMC announces NRM scholarships for full-time, part-time Students

The Northern Marianas College has announced the availability of scholarships for full time and part time students majoring in Natural Resources Management.

The Natural Resources Management Scholarship Program aims to promote higher education by providing financial assistance for college students in their pursuit of professional careers in managing natural resources. The program also seeks to provide current public and private sector employees with opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills and to enhance their career and professional development.

"We have been working extremely hard to ensure that we make these scholarship funds available in time for the Fall 2010 semester," said Ross Manglona, acting dean of NMC's Community Programs and Services. "Given the eco-

nommic difficulties that many individuals are experiencing at this time, we hope many students apply and take advantage of this financial opportunity."

"This is one of only a few scholarships available to part time students, so those who have full time jobs and want to take classes in the evening can still take advantage of the scholarships," added Manglona.

The Natural Resources Management Program is designed to offer an Associate of Science degree in NRM, preparing student to pursue or advance careers requiring a broad background in agricultural, marine, environmental, and natural resources management, or to transfer to a related baccalaureate degree program at other colleges or universities.

The NMC Natural Resources Management scholarship program will provide 10 full time students with about \$1,200

(each) and 15 part time students with about \$600 (each), amounts of which are sufficient to pay for all tuition costs per semester (Fall 2010 and Spring 2011).

Scholarship selection will be based on merit and financial need. The scholarship funds will be also be awarded on the basis of the applicant's community involvement, academic background, letter of recommendation, and a written essay. An interview may also be required.

To be eligible, a student must be a U.S. citizen (or green card holder) and a CNMI resident for the past three years; be accepted and enrolled as a part-time or full-time student at NMC; have a high school or college cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better; and, be able to demonstrate financial need.

If selected to receive the scholarship, the applicant must also sign an agreement

stating that he or she will work in the Commonwealth after graduating from the Northern Marianas College for a period twice as long as the period for which the applicant received the scholarship.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, August 20, 2010. For additional information about the scholarship or to pick up an application, visit the NMC Financial Aid Office in Building P or call 234-5498 ext. 1527. Applications can also be downloaded online at www.nmcnet.edu.

Registration for the upcoming Fall 2010 semester will start on Aug. 16 and will last through Aug. 21. For more information, visit www.nmcnet.edu.

To learn more about the NRM program, contact Dr. Alfredo De Torres at 670-234-5498 ext. 1202 or e-mail alfredod@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Community Guidance Center hosts ASIST training

The Community Guidance Center of the Department of Public Health conducted a training for certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) on Saipan to help build capacity for suicide prevention. This training was held for two days at Charley's Cabaret at the Pacific Islands Club.

The training began on July 29 and continued through July 30.

LivingWorks ASIST certified trainers traveled from Guam included Rebecca Respicio, of the Division of Youth Affairs, and Sheila Comptonrivo, of the U.S. National Guard and collaborated with the CNMI's LivingWorks ASIST, certified trainers Rebecca Robles, Tobacco Program Coordinator, and Jennifer Maratita, Clinical Services Manager. This training was

made possible through the Substance Abuse and Prevention Grant and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Prevention and Training Branch of Guam that was held earlier this year to promote suicide prevention efforts of the Micronesian Region.

According to LivingWorks Education, the ASIST training is the most widely used, acclaimed and researched suicide intervention skills training in the world. The benefits of the ASIST T4T, is that the community receives local trainers that can train additional caregivers on how to respond and help someone with suicidal thoughts or may be attempting suicide.

The CNMI's Community Guidance Center of the Department of Public Health is currently taking significant steps towards increasing community-based collaboration that will result in more successful suicide prevention activities and early intervention efforts. Current plans include additional ASIST certification trainings to various agencies and members of the community throughout the year.

For more information, contact Community Guidance Center director Josephine Sablan at 323-6560 through 6568 or Clinical Services manager Jennifer Maratita and Tobacco Program coordinator Rebecca Robles, or visit www.cgcsn.net. (CGC)



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Participants of Community Guidance Center's Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training held last week at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club pose for a group photo.



18TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 18th birthday to Ryhoe Litulumar who celebrated his special day last Saturday, Aug. 7. Best wishes on your future education at the University of Guam. We love you and we will miss you dearly! From your loving family.

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THREE BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Mother and Son, Roxanne R. Maratita-Weaver and Justis Maratita Tenorio (above) and Kevin Reyes Maratita (right) who all celebrated their special day last Saturday, Aug. 7. May you all have a wonderful and joyful day with laughter and fun under the sun. May God bless you all with many more birthdays to come. Greetings coming out from family and friends!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 10th birthday to Dylen Kane. Many blessings and many wonderful birthdays to come, from your Dad, Mom, Tommy, and Tho'leyan Dyommy.

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Business

PIDB forms task force, elects new officers



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Sitting from left, Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa (vice chairman), Guam Gov. Felix Camacho (chairman), CNMI Gov. Benigno Fitial, Palau Finance Minister Kerai Mariur (secretary), and Kosrae Gov. Robert Weilbacher and Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal. Standing from left, PIDB governor Charles Chieng, bank governor/director Secilil Eldebechel, director Lourdes Perez, bank president and board of directors chairman Aren Palik, Speaker Judy Won Pat (proxy for bank governor Ben Pangelinan), governor Ilai Abraham, governor/director Thomas Pablo, governor/director Diego Benavente, and director Micahel Gaan.

The Pacific Islands Development Bank Board of Governors held a special meeting in Palau last July 30, primarily to review and address the bank's capacity and resource base, vital to its growth and expansion strategy.

While the bank has consistently grown in total assets and loan balances in the past five years, increasing its financial resources and capacity remains one of its immediate and highest priorities.

The board, recognizing that need, formed a four-member special task force whose main task and objective is to identify and pursue various funding and capitalization sources. "PIDB plays a significant and expanding role in promoting and facilitating the economic development of our island communities," said Guam Gov. Felix Camacho, chairman of the PIDB Board of Governors.

He added that "we need to secure the necessary resources the bank needs in order to carry out its mission and purpose and forming the task force is timely."

Aren Palik, PIDB president and CEO, indicated that the bank has been undercapitalized

since its inception and cautioned that securing additional capitalization and funding will not be an easy task.

"With the ongoing global recession and the economic and financial challenges faced by many industrialized countries, securing additional capital especially through soft loans will not be easy," said Palik. "The task force will work diligently and collaborate with our member governments and development partners as we pursue funding from both public and private sources."

Kosrae Gov. Robert Weilbacher reported in the meeting that Kosrae has made another purchase of capital stock worth \$50,000. This increases Kosrae's total contributed capital in the bank to \$700,000. Yap, Palau, Guam, Pohnpei, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have already completed its required membership equity capital of \$1 million. Chuuk State has contributed \$251,000. Chairman Camacho thanked Gov. Weilbacher for Kosrae's continued commitment, especially in these difficult times.

The board also approved the

final terms and conditions of a loan facility between PIDB and FSM Development Bank and discussed the status of Marshall Islands membership in the bank, expressing hope that RMI will soon join the bank with its first membership installment payment. The board, before adjourning, also elected the following new Officers—Gov. Sebastian Anefal of Yap as chairman; Gov. John Ehsa of Pohnpei as vice chairman, and vice president and Minister of Finance Kerai Mariur of Palau as secretary.

Outgoing chairman Camacho thanked members for their support, adding that it has truly been an honor to serve as chairman of the board.

Two days earlier, the bank's Board of Directors also held its regular meeting and to facilitate the Board of Governors meeting. Among others, the Board reviewed its second quarter operational performance, investment report, adequacy of allowance for loan loss reserve, and took action on commercial loan requests. The seven-member board is chaired by the bank's president and CEO. (PR)

Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet message. "It's a commitment to America's seniors—that after working your whole life, you've earned the security of quality health care you can afford." "As long as I am president, that's a commitment this country is going to keep," he said.

HP CEO ouster leaves leadership hole

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The ouster of Hewlett-Packard Co.'s CEO leaves a hole in the world's largest technology company. Mark Hurd engineered a stunning turnaround of the Silicon Valley stalwart. Under Hurd, HP has spent more than \$20 billion on acquisitions to transform it-

self from a computer and printer maker dependent on ink sales for profits to a well-rounded seller of hardware and lucrative business services. HP's market value nearly doubled during his five years. The company is suddenly leaderless as it stands at a turning point to integrate some of those acquisitions, the most recent of which was the purchase of smart phone maker Palm Inc. for \$1.4 billion in June. Hurd was forced to resign Friday after HP's board of directors said Hurd falsified expenses to hide numerous private dinners with a woman who was paid up to \$5,000 per event to greet people and make introductions among executives attending HP events that she helped organize.

Nation

Gulf seafood industry tries to shake an oily image

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The rich fishing grounds of the Gulf of Mexico are beginning to reopen more than three months after crude began gushing from the sea floor. But those who harvest, process and sell the catch face a new crisis—convincing wary consumers it's not only delicious, but also safe.

As BP PLC closed the books on a defining week in its battle to contain the oil, with engineers finally forcing the surging crude underground with a torrent of mud and cement,

people along the Gulf Coast began looking to the future—including the fishing industry, which has a tough sell despite tests showing the catch seems safe to eat.

"We have a huge perception problem," said Ewell Smith, director of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. "We have lost markets across the country, and some of them may be lost for good."

The Gulf accounts for a majority of the domestic shrimp

and oysters eaten by Americans and about 2 percent of overall U.S. seafood consumption. But with safety suspicions abounding, consumers are turning up their noses and some wary suppliers appear to be turning to imports.

Tammy McNaught arrived in New Orleans from San Francisco on Saturday for a long weekend, and after seeing months of news coverage about the oil spill was trying to decide whether she would eat seafood and how much.

Schwarzenegger: Let same-sex weddings resume now

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who twice vetoed legislation that would have legalized same-sex marriage, has surprised gay rights supporters by urging a federal judge to allow gay couples to resume marrying in the state without further delay.

Lawyers for Schwarzenegger, Attorney General Jerry Brown, two gay couples and the city of San Francisco all

filed legal motions Friday asking Chief U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker to implement his ruling striking California's voter-approved same-sex marriage ban as unconstitutional.

"The Administration believes the public interest is best served by permitting the court's judgment to go into effect, thereby restoring the right of same-sex couples to marry in California," the Republican

governor's lawyers said on his behalf. "Doing so is consistent with California's long history of treating all people and their relationships with equal dignity and respect."

In his 136-page decision overturning Proposition 8 Wednesday, Walker said he was ordering the state to cease enforcing the 22-month-old ban. But he agreed to suspend the order until he could review the briefs submitted Friday.

3 women on high court: Historic but impact unclear

WASHINGTON (AP)—At least once a term for 13 years, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg recalled, some lawyer arguing before the Supreme Court would mistake her for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, or vice versa.

No matter that Brooklyn-born Ginsburg and O'Connor, raised on a ranch in Arizona, look and sound nothing alike.

The confusion arose because, even at the dawn of the 21st century, women on

the court were "one- or two-at-a-time curiosities," Ginsburg said.

So she considered it progress that no one made that error after Sonia Sotomayor became a Supreme Court justice last year.

Now with Elena Kagan joining them on the bench for the start of the high court term in October, Ginsburg perceives an even bigger change. Kagan, 50, was sworn in Saturday by

Chief Justice John Roberts.

"We are one-third of this court," Ginsburg said during an interview with The Associated Press in her Supreme Court office. No longer a momentous event, the appointment of a woman to the high court has become, Ginsburg said, "expectable."

"I don't think anybody's going to confuse Justice Kagan, Justice Ginsburg or Justice Sotomayor," she said.



ACROSS THE NATION

Arizona prison escapees linked to N.M. killings

PHOENIX (AP)—Two men who escaped from a private Arizona prison and a woman thought to have helped them have been linked to the investigation of a couple's killing in New Mexico, authorities said Saturday. New Mexico State Police spokesman Peter Olson said Tracy Province, John McCluskey and Casslyn Welch were linked through forensics but he declined to provide specifics. He declined to say whether police believe the three were responsible for the killings, adding that "we don't know how involved they are." Province, McCluskey and Daniel Renwick escaped from the medium-security Arizona State Prison near Kingman on July 30 after authorities

say 44-year-old Casslyn Welch of Mesa threw wire cutters over the perimeter fence. Renwick was arrested in Colorado on Aug. 1. The badly burned skeletal remains of Linda and Gary Haas, both 61, of Tecumseh, Okla., were found in a charred camper on Wednesday morning on a remote ranch in Santa Rosa in eastern New Mexico.

Beer warehouse shooter long complained of racism

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—To those closest to him, Omar Thornton was caring, quiet and soft-spoken. He was excited to land a well-paying job at a beer delivery company a few years ago and his longtime girlfriend says they talked of marrying and having children. But underneath, Thornton seethed with a

sense of racial injustice for years that culminated in a shooting rampage Tuesday in which the Connecticut man killed eight and wounded two others at his job at Hartford Distributors in Manchester before killing himself. "I know what pushed him over the edge was all the racial stuff that was happening at work," said his girlfriend, Kristi Hannah. Thornton, a black man, said as much in a chilling, four-minute 911 call. "You probably want to know the reason why I shot this place up," Thornton said in a recording released Thursday. "This place is a racist place. They're treating me bad over here. And treat all other black employees bad over here, too. So I took it to my own hands and handled the problem. I wish I could have got more of the people."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Obama touts benefits to Medicare from health law

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says Medicare will exist for many more years, thanks to new legislation that helped put the health care program for America's seniors on stronger financial footing. Seniors already are benefiting from that new health care law, said Obama, noting that many have received \$250 rebates to help buy medicine, for example. Obama said the law and efforts by his administration to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse both in Medicare and across government generally are making the program stronger and cutting health care costs for seniors. "Medicare isn't just a program," Obama said

Asia

Former enemies US, Vietnam now military mates

ABOARD THE USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (AP)—Cold War enemies the United States and Vietnam demonstrated their blossoming military relations Sunday as a U.S. nuclear supercarrier floated in waters off the Southeast Asian nation's coast—sending a message that China is not the region's only big player.

The visit comes 35 years after the Vietnam War as the U.S. and Vietnam are cozying up in a number of areas, from negotiating a controversial deal to share civilian nuclear fuel and technology to agreeing that China needs to work with its neighbors to resolve territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The USS George Washington's stop is officially billed as a commemoration of last month's 15th anniversary of normalized diplomatic relations between the former foes. But the timing also reflects Washington's heightened interest in maintaining security and stability in the Asia-Pacific amid tensions following the sinking of a South Korean warship in March, which killed 46 sailors. North Korea has been blamed for the attack, but has vehemently denied any involvement.

Last month during an Asian security meeting in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton also

angered China by unexpectedly calling on the Communist powerhouse to resolve territorial claims with neighboring Southeast Asian countries over islands in the South China Sea.

China claims the entire sea and the disputed Spratly and Paracel islands over which it exercises complete sovereignty. But Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines also have staked claims on all or some of the territory, which straddles vital shipping lanes, important fishing grounds and is believed rich in oil and natural gas reserves. Clinton announced that the U.S. has a national interest in seeing the claims resolved.

Afghan medical mission ends in death for 10

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—They hiked for more than 10 hours over rugged mountains—unarmed and without security—to bring medical care to isolated Afghan villagers until their humanitarian mission took a tragic turn.

Ten members of the Christian medical team—six Americans, two Afghans, one German and a Briton—were gunned down in a gruesome slaughter that the Tal-

iban said they carried out, alleging the volunteers were spying and trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. The gunmen spared an Afghan driver, who recited verses from the Islamic holy book Quran as he begged for his life.

Team members—doctors, nurses and logistics personnel—were attacked as they were returning to Kabul af-

ter their two-week mission in the remote Parun valley of Nuristan province about 160 miles (260 kilometers) north of Kabul. They had decided to veer northward into Badakhshan province because they thought that would be the safest route back to Kabul, said Dirk Frans, director of the International Assistance Mission, which organized the team.

More rain hit flooded Pakistan, Islamists step up

SUKKUR, Pakistan (AP)—Authorities evacuated thousands of Pakistanis living along expanding rivers on Saturday as forecasts predicted even more heavy rain could deepen the country's flood crisis. As the prime minister appealed for national solidarity, hardline Islamists rushed to fill in the gaps in the government's aid effort.

Pakistani officials estimate

as many as 13 million people throughout the South Asian nation have been affected by the worst flooding in the country's 63-year history, though the United Nations, apparently using different metrics, has put the number at roughly 4 million. About 1,500 people have died, most of them in the northwest, the hardest-hit region.

The intense deluge that be-

gan about two weeks ago has washed away roads, bridges and many communications lines, hampering rescue efforts staged by aid organizations and the government. Incessant monsoon rains have grounded many helicopters trying to rescue people and ferry aid, including six choppers manned by U.S. troops on loan from Afghanistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

RP searches for missing cargo ship

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine coast guard was searching Sunday for a domestic cargo ship with 17 crewmen that disappeared after encountering big waves and reporting engine trouble. Crewmen aboard the 498-ton *SF Freighter* radioed the ship's owner, Seaford Shipping, on Saturday to report the problems but shortly after all contact was lost, coast guard chief Admiral Wilfredo Tamayo said. The owner launched an initial search near the ship's last known location off the coast of Marinduque province and contacted the coast guard, Tamayo said. A coast guard plane spotted a lone ship Sunday in waters off Marinduque, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southeast of Manila, but bad weather forced the plane to turn back before it could make an identification, he said. Another attempt would be made when the weather clears. Passing ships and coastal communities have been told to be on the look out for the steel-hulled ship, which was en route to Ma-

nila from central Cebu province carrying a cargo of steel bars when it went missing.

Quiet ceremonies mark Myanmar's bloody anniversary

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Subdued religious ceremonies by activists and pro-democracy politicians marked the anniversary Sunday of the 1988 uprising that was brutally crushed by Myanmar's military. More than 1 million people rose up Aug. 8 that year to protest an entrenched military-backed regime headed by Gen. Ne Win that had wiped out the savings of many by a sudden demonetization of the currency. An estimated 3,000 people were killed before the demonstrations were crushed in September. Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's detained pro-democracy leader, rose to prominence during the uprising. "We are holding this religious ceremony in memory of those who had sacrificed their lives during the protest and in honor of those who are in prison for their beliefs and for those who had taken part in the nationwide

protests 22 years ago," said Tint Hsan, a former student activist who organized the event.

80 dead, thousands missing in China landslides

BEIJING (AP)—Landslides killed at least 80 people and left an estimated 2,000 missing Sunday in northwest China's Gansu province, the latest disaster caused by widespread flooding in the country. The landslides happened early in the morning in the province's Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. State broadcaster CCTV said the latest death toll was more than 80, and 2,000 people were missing. Power was down in some of the affected areas in the southern part of the province, so it was not known how many of the missing were in danger or just out of contact. The worst-hit part of Gannan was Zhouqu county, with Xinhua reporting that half the county was under water. Many houses had collapsed and streets were covered in one yard (meter) of mud and water.

World

Fidel Castro makes 1st official govt appearance

HAVANA (AP)—A lively and healthy-looking Fidel Castro appealed to President Barack Obama to stave off global nuclear war in an emphatic address to parliament Saturday that marked his first official government appearance since emergency surgery four years ago.

Castro, who turns 84 in a week, wore olive-green fatigues devoid of any military insignia and arrived on the arm of a subordinate who steadied him as he walked. The approximately 600 lawmakers present sprang to their feet and applauded, as the gray-bearded revolutionary stepped to a podium that had been set up for him, grinning broadly and waving.

"Fidel, Fidel, Fidel!" chanted the members of parliament. "Long live Fidel!"

Castro has been warning in written opinion columns for months that the U.S. and Israel will launch a nuclear attack on Iran and that Washington could also target North Korea—predicting Armageddon-



Fidel Castro waves during a special session of parliament, his first official government appearance in front of lawmakers in four years in Havana, Cuba, Saturday Aug. 7, 2010.

like devastation and fighting he expected to have already begun by now.

"Eight weeks ago, I thought that the imminent danger of war didn't have a possible solution. So dramatic was the

problem that I didn't see another way out," Castro told the legislature. "I am sure that it won't be like that and, instead ... one man will make the decision alone, the president of the United States."

Basra blasts kill 20 Iraqis, wound scores

BAGHDAD (AP)—Explosions killed at least 20 people and wounded as many as 100 Saturday night at a downtown market in Iraq's second-largest city, a senior official said, coming at the end of a violent day that also saw the slaying of seven policemen around the country.

It was the latest spate of attacks to come as all but 50,000 U.S. military troops head home

by the end of the month.

Deputy provincial council chairman Sheik Ahmed al-Sulayti said he was alerted by police late Saturday about the rising death toll in Basra, located 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad.

Al-Sulayti said at least 20 were killed by the blasts that came within minutes of each other at central Basra's al-

Ashaar market. He said an estimated 100 were injured.

But as is common in the immediate chaos after Iraq explosions, the death toll varied among officials. A senior commander in Basra's security operations center said 43 people were killed and more than 200 wounded. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

WORLD BRIEFS

A deal to avert BlackBerry ban could set precedent

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—A preliminary agreement between the maker of the popular BlackBerry smart phone and the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which government officials say grants them some access to users' data, will avert a ban on the phone in that country. The pact involves placing a BlackBerry server inside Saudi Arabia, Saudi telecom regulatory officials said, and that likely will let the government monitor messages and allay official fears the service could be used for criminal purposes. Bandar al-Mohammed, an official at the Saudi Communications and Information Technology Commission, told The Associated Press that BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. has expressed its "intention ... to place a server inside Saudi Arabia."

Russian spy wants to live under fake name in Peru

NEW YORK (AP)—A Russian secret agent sent home in a highly publicized spy swap wants to leave the country and return with his wife to her native Peru, while continuing to live under the false name he used for 34 years, the man's attorney said. An American lawyer for the man formerly known as Juan Lazaro told the Wall Street Journal in Saturday's editions that her client "wants to be where his wife is going." His wife, Vicky Pelaez, is a Peruvian-born former columnist for the Spanish-language New York City newspaper El Diario/La Prensa. "He says he's Juan Lazaro and he's not from Russia and doesn't speak Russian," said the attorney, Genesis Peduto. She said it will be easier for the couple's son, Juan Jr., who is in New York, to visit them in Peru, where Pelaez has

said she wants to return.

Teams suspend hunt for 34 trapped in Chilean mine

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Search groups suspended their hunt for 34 workers trapped inside a gold and copper mine in northern Chile after a new collapse Saturday put the searchers lives in danger, authorities said. Three teams had entered the mine through a ventilation shaft, but had to withdraw when rock collapsed in the duct. Mining Secretary Laurence Goldborne said the shaft was "no longer an option" for the attempted rescue of the 34 miners who were trapped 1,000 feet (300 meters) underground when a tunnel caved in Thursday. The setback meant the chances of finding the trapped miners alive "are lower than they were yesterday," Goldborne said. "I have great pain," he added.

Health & Fitness

Are Americans now more honest about their weight?

ATLANTA (AP)—Are Americans becoming more honest about their weight?

That theory could explain why the gap appears to be closing in what people say they weigh and what actual measurements report.

A new government telephone survey released Tuesday puts the adult obesity rate at nearly 27 percent and rising. A more scientific survey has already said the rate is 34 percent and holding steady.

Experts believe the 27 percent is probably an underestimate, because it's based on

what people say. People tend to say they weigh less than they actually do and say they are taller than they are.

The fact that it's catching up to the more accepted 34 percent estimate could suggest people are becoming more accurate when they talk about their girth. It's one explanation, anyway, said Dr. William Dietz, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pregnant moms who overeat could make obese babies

By MARIA CHENG
AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON (AP)—Women who gain too much weight during pregnancy have big babies, putting their children at risk of becoming heavy later on, a new study says.

American researchers followed all births in Michigan and New Jersey between 1989 and 2003. They then focused on women who had more than one child, to exclude the possibility that women who were genetically predisposed to be obese were simply passing those genes onto their babies.

Among the more than 513,000 women and their 1.1 million infants studied, scientists found that women who gained more than

53 pounds (24 kilograms) during their pregnancy made babies who were about 150 grams (0.3 pounds) heavier at birth than infants of women who gained only 22 pounds (10 kilograms).

The study was published online Thursday in the medical journal Lancet and was paid for by the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

"It's never too early to start preventing obesity," said Stephan Rossner, a professor in the obesity unit at Karolinska Hospital in Sweden who was not connected to the study. "It may be uncomfortable for mothers to eat less and change their lifestyle, but after nine months they will get a great payoff for their children."

In the U.S., more than a third of women of normal weight and more than half of overweight and obese women gain more weight than their doctors recommend.

The Institute of Medicine, an independent, nonprofit organization that advises the U.S. government, says normal-weight women should gain 25 to 35 pounds (11 to 16 kilograms) during pregnancy, while overweight and obese women should gain 11 to 25 pounds (5 to 11 kilograms).

Heavier babies have a significantly higher risk of staying heavy throughout

"It is possible people are paying more attention to their weight and reporting it more accurately," said Dietz, director of the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity.

The new results are based on a telephone survey of about 400,000 people who were asked their height and weight. CDC researchers then calculate whether the person is obese, following a standard formula for body mass index.

Under the formula, a 5-foot-4 woman is obese if she weighs 174 pounds or more, a 5-foot-10 man fits that description if he weighs at least 209 pounds.

The study found that nearly 27 percent of the surveyed adults said they were obese in 2009, up from about 25.5 percent in 2007, a small but statistically significant increase.

Earlier this year, the CDC released results from another study that actually weighed and measured 5,700

their lives, said Dr. David Ludwig, director of the Optimal Weight for Life program at Children's Hospital in Boston, one of the study authors. Big babies also have higher chances of developing problems later in life including asthma, allergies and even cancer.

Ludwig and his co-author found most women tend to put on similar amounts of weight for each pregnancy, though they are often heavier when they become pregnant with subsequent children.

Previous studies have shown pregnant women who pack on the pounds suffer from complications like diabetes and high blood pressure, but little research has shown what those extra pounds could

mean for babies. In addition to bumping up their chances of becoming obese later, large babies are also more likely to get stuck in the birth canal or need a cesarean section.

Ludwig said when pregnant women overeat, some of those extra calories overstimulate the fetus' growth.

"The fetus is developing in an abnormal metabolic environment where there is excess blood sugar," he said. "That could alter the development of tissues, organs and perhaps even the wiring of the brain that regulates appetite and metabolism."

Neal Halfon, of the Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities at the University of California, said obesity prevention in the womb wasn't about encouraging pregnant women to trim down but improving their diet and exercise.

While obesity is caused by many different factors, some experts said the link between birth weight and obesity later in life should make women more conscious of how much weight they gain while pregnant.

"This is an extremely important message," said Arne Astrup, a professor of nutrition at the University of Copenhagen. "If mothers are not careful, they could in some way program their children to be obese or diabetic before they are even born."

adults. It found that 34 percent are obese; results have been similar in the last three surveys.

The differing surveys mean the CDC is reporting that obesity is increasing - and that it's not.

"We have somewhat contradictory data," because the studies were done differently and sampled different populations, Dietz said.

There could be several reasons why the telephone survey produced different results, said Dr. K.M. Venkat Narayan, an Emory University public health professor familiar with the two studies.

For example, the phone survey included only people with landline

telephones, meaning others with cell phones were not part of the data, he said. It could be that a significant number of people who exclusively use cell phones are obese and not counted.

As for people underreporting their height and weight, "it's not so much lying," but rather that they don't regularly get on a scale, Narayan said.

The new report also found that in nine states at least 30 percent of the adults were obese in 2009. The states were Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Mississippi, the highest at 34 percent. In 2007, only Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee topped 30 percent.

No states met a national goal for 2010 of limiting obesity to 15 percent. Only Colorado and the District of Columbia were lower than 20 percent, and just barely.

Colorado's rate of about 19 percent may be due in part to its hiking trails and recreational culture. Another factor may be its Rocky Mountain altitudes, which require people to burn more energy to do routine physical activities, Dietz said during a Tuesday teleconference with reporters.

Washington's rate—just under 20 percent—could be tied to common use of public transportation there, or to higher rates of breast-feeding and fruit and vegetable consumption, he said.

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Life & Style

Replacements bassist Tommy Stinson helps in Haiti

MEDIA, Pa. (AP)—Since he picked up a bass guitar and dropped out of 10th grade to hit the road with underground legends The Replacements in 1983, Tommy Stinson has sold millions of records, performed all over the world and secured his place in the rock 'n' roll canon.

As he prepares to embark on a European tour with Guns N' Roses, Stinson, 43, is devoting his time and money to a new passion: helping children left homeless by the Haitian earthquake.

This summer, Stinson will hold an online fundraiser by auctioning personal and donated items that will be posted on his website, including an autographed bass guitar and two of his signature custom-made plaid suits.

"We've got some stuff to auction off that I think will span all three bands I've been in, from Soul Asylum, Replacements, Guns N' Roses," he told The Associated Press during a recent interview at his home and recording studio outside Philadelphia.

"We're just going to try to do our best to raise some money to help in our way, help the kids the best we can."

The mechanics are still being worked out, but the goal is to have it up and running before Stinson leaves for Europe to tour with Guns N' Roses at the end of August.

"It's not just people talking about it that's going to help the earthquake survivors get past this," he said. "It's going to be a lot of years. ... We're just trying to our little share of the work here with what we've got."

After he decided to donate the proceeds of the upcoming auction to charity, a friend suggested Timkatec, a nonprofit founded in 1994 by a Roman Catholic priest to house and educate more than 500 children in the Port-au-Prince area.

"They pay for education and food and supplies for these kids who basically have no families, no life, no nothing, out on the street, as young as 5, 6 years old," he said.

Rather than just writing a check, Stinson wanted to see firsthand where his money would be going and recently traveled to Haiti with the goal of "besides getting financially involved, getting emotionally involved."

In late July, attended a graduation ceremony for 60 young men from Timkatec who earned trade degrees. The school trains destitute boys for work as plumbers,

electricians, tailors, shoe makers and construction workers; its sister school trains teenage girls as cooks, hairdressers, seamstresses and child care workers.

"You can see the pride in their faces. You can see the hope. You can see the gratitude," Stinson said a few days after returning from Haiti.

The experience was eye-opening, he said. Driving through Port-au-Prince, it was obvious that Haiti was in dire straits long before the earthquake, but he was inspired by the aid workers and the young graduates he met during his visit.

"These kids have to be able to focus on something other than their own misery," said Patrick O'Shea of Sanford, Fla., founder of Friends of Timkatec in America, which raises funds for the Haitian organization's relief efforts.

O'Shea, 70, was born outside London during World War II and understands the burden of growing up without parents: His mother was killed in an air raid and his father died of tuberculosis while fighting overseas.

"I'm not a rock fan personally, and I didn't know anything about Tommy," O'Shea said, "but I do know that this is a guy with his heart in the right place, flying down at his own expense to see what we do, coming here to help raise money to help these kids."

As the Jan. 12 earthquake falls off the radar screens of many Americans, conditions in Haiti remain dire: An estimated 1.6 million people continue living under tarps and tents on dangerous ground.

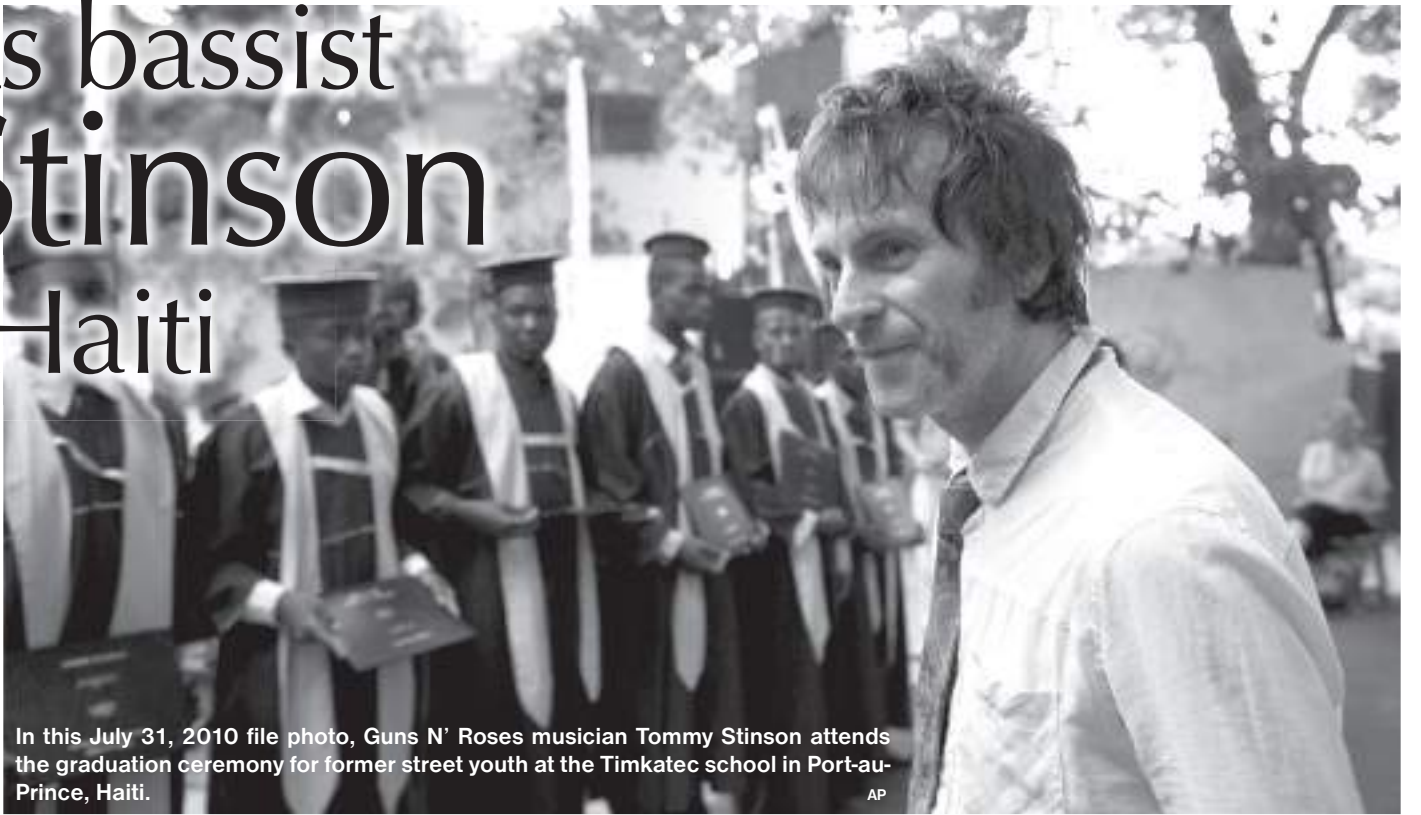
Little reconstruction has been done since the magnitude-7 quake pulverized the capital. Piles of rubble and thousands of collapsed buildings remain where they fell. Even transitional shelters are a rarity for most.

Stinson wants to keep Haiti in people's faces—and he intends to enlist some of his rock 'n' roll friends in the effort.

"I don't really have the money to do this kind of thing, but I put aside the money because I think it's important," he said.

Though he'll be spending much of what remains of 2010 on the road with Guns N' Roses, Stinson suspects that his help for Haiti won't end with the upcoming auction.

"After ... spending 30 years of chasing the rock dream," he said with a laugh, "you know, there's a few more important things in life than that."



In this July 31, 2010 file photo, Guns N' Roses musician Tommy Stinson attends the graduation ceremony for former street youth at the Timkatec school in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Tony Judt, author of 'Postwar,' dies at 62

NEW YORK (AP)—Tony Judt, a highly praised and controversial historian who wrote with sharp persistence about the changing world at large and the tragic world within—the fatal disease that paralyzed him—died Friday at his home in New York City.

Judt, a native of London who in recent years was a professor of European studies at New York University, was 62. His death, caused by complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, was confirmed by a university spokesman.

A Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2006 for his nearly 900-page history of modern Europe, "Postwar," Judt was diagnosed two years later with ALS, which attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord and destroys the ability to move and speak.

Although confined like "a modern-day mummy," his thinking was unimpaired, as Judt demonstrated in 2010 through a series of personal essays for The New York Review of Books.

"In contrast to almost every other serious or deadly disease, one is thus left free to contemplate at leisure and in minimal discomfort the catastrophic progress of one's own deterioration," Judt wrote in an essay titled "Night."

"(But) there is no saving grace in being confined to an iron suit, cold and unforgiving. The pleasures of mental agility are much overstated, inevitably—as it now appears to me—by those not exclusively dependent upon them."

Judt's illness and his determination to tell the tale brought sympathy and admiration for a historian not known for sparing feelings. He took on communists, free marketers, supporters of the Iraq war and, most contentiously, Israel. In an admiring review of "Postwar," The New Yorker's Louis Menand noted that the book's strength was inseparable "from the personality of its author, who does not count self-effacement a literary virtue."

"He teaches in the United States, but he has retained a distinctly British temperament—not the bluff-and-hearty, Dr. Watson type but its superior cousin, the suffer-no-fools, Holmes type," Menand wrote.

In 2009, Judt received an honorary George Orwell Prize for "intelligence,

insight and conspicuous courage." This year, he completed "Ill Fares the Land," a passionate call for a return to liberal governance and for a close look at the "ways in which our grandparents' generation handled comparable challenges and threats."

A Jew descended from Lithuanian rabbis, Judt was sent by his parents to a summer camp in Israel when he was a teenager and became so devoted to the Jewish homeland that he spoke at a Zionist conference in Paris and served as a translator and driver for the Israel Defense Forces during and after the 1967 Six-Day War.

But he soured on his adopted country, later concluding "that most Israelis were not transplanted latter-day agrarian socialists but young, prejudiced urban Jews who differed from their European or American counterparts chiefly in their macho, swaggering self-confidence, and access to armed weapons," he wrote in 2010.

In a 1983 article for The New York Review of Books, Judt labeled Israel a "belligerently intolerant, faith-driven ethno state." While most liberals supported a two-state solution, separate lands for the Jews and the Palestinians, Judt called for the two sides to be joined under a single government.

He so angered supporters of Israel that he was removed from the editorial board of The New Republic even as his wife, Jennifer Homans, continued to serve as the magazine's dance critic. In 2006, Judt was scheduled to speak at the Polish Consulate of New York, but the event was canceled after the consulate received phone calls from the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee.

"Apparently, the line you take on Israel trumps everything else in life," Judt told the Financial Times in 2007.

Judt, a graduate of the University of Cambridge, was raised by Marxist parents and wrote often about the downfall of Marxism and communism. His books included "Past Imperfect," "Marxism and the French Left" and other works critical of French intellectuals whom Judt believed naive ("authors of apologies and their accompanying theorems") about Stalin and the Soviet Union.

He was best known for "Postwar," a broad and thorough review of Europe from

the end of World War II to the early 21st century, a narrative that covered political, military, economic, social and cultural history. Calling his book an "opinionated text," Judt chronicled the formation and sudden collapse of the Eastern bloc and how the Marshall Plan helped lift the West from ashes and despair to unimagined prosperity.

Judt drew upon hundreds of previous books (The "Suggestions for Further Reading" section ran more than 40 pages) and upon personal observations, incorporating everything from the reunification of Germany to the proliferation of transistor radios. The tone was skeptical, impassioned, inquisitive and, at times, irreverent. Writing of the death of one graying Soviet leader, Judt observed, "Leonid Brezhnev gave up the ghost, having long since come to resemble it."

Much of his work was about memory itself, how easily we misunderstand and discard the past. In "Postwar," Judt observed that "only history" could explain "the remarkable accomplishment" of Europe and that the past not only had to be minded, but renewed, "taught afresh with each passing generation." In a 2008 essay that served as the introduction to "Reappraisals," published the same year, Judt worried that the West had advanced too quickly from the previous century's horrors, justifying the Iraq war and casually accepting the torture of prisoners.

"In the wake of 1989, with boundless confidence and insufficient reflection, we put the 20th century behind us and strode boldly into its successor swaddled in self-serving half-truths: the triumph of the West, the end of History, the unipolar American moment, the ineluctable march of globalization and the free market," he wrote.

"Far from escaping the 20th century, we need, I think, to go back and look a bit more carefully. We need to learn again—or perhaps for the first time—how war brutalizes and degrades winners and losers alike and what happens to us when, having heedlessly waged war for no good reason, we are encouraged to inflate and demonize our enemies in order to justify that war's indefinite continuance. And perhaps ... we could put a question to our aspirant leaders: 'Daddy (or, as it might be, Mommy), what did you do to prevent the war?'"



IN *H*UMBLE *G*RATITUDE

*M*y son Anthony and I, together with my parents-in-law David M. Santos and Bella L. Maratita and family, my late husband's biological mother, Charito M. Runge and Carey Runge and children wish to express our sincerest and most heartfelt appreciation to all our families, relatives and friends for all their assistance and untiring support during the most difficult time of sorrow as we mourned the passing of our beloved Cpl. †Dave Michael into the eternal hands of God.

The passing of †Dave Michael touched many lives and was felt with much grief and pain. The outpouring of your love and compassion has given us the courage to endure our pain, our great loss and the loneliness that we will face.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Marine Corp unit of my husband †Dave Michael in Afghanistan. My family continues to pray for their safety as they carry out their duties. We also join the rest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas in remembering the other young men and women who have passed recently. May our prayers guide them to their eternal rest, and may their families join ours in finding healing and peace from our Heavenly Father.

We wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to Monsignor Louis Antonelli and James Manglona of San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo, Rota. We are very grateful to the San Isidro Choir and our techa Mrs. Lucia T. Mundo for all their efforts and sacrifices in sharing with us our grief and helping us celebrate †Dave Michael's new life. Thank you to Daron T. Mendiola for delivering the eulogy.



With sincere appreciation, I would like to thank Major James Boerigter, the United States Marine Corps, and the men that came to Rota to take part in my husband's wake vigil as pallbearers, a bugler and firing squad. The honor that has been bestowed on behalf of my husband gives my family the courage to live on.

We would like to thank the CNMI office of the Governor, the presence of the honorable Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. of the CNMI and the Mayor of Rota, the honorable Melchor A. Mendiola. Our appreciation to Mrs. Ruth Coleman of the CNMI Military and Veteran's Affairs Office, Rota DPW and DPS. We wish to also thank the 13th Rota Municipal Council and the Rota delegation for their presentation. Thank you to the Rota High School JROTC Buck Battalion. We acknowledge the assistance of Yigo, Guam mayor, the honorable Robert Lizama, Ada's Funeral Home- Guam, Ms Silverina A. Ogo and the Guam Veteran's Affairs Office.

We want to thank all of you for caring and supporting us during these trying times. In moments like these, finding the right words to express our utmost gratitude to all of you can be very difficult. Know that we appreciate all of you and we love you. Thank you for all who have come from Saipan, Guam, Tinian, the US and right here in Rota to share in our grief and to celebrate my husband, †Cpl Dave Michael's new life with Almighty God. I Love you.

As you have remembered †Dave Michael in your prayers, so too, will we remember you and your loved ones in ours.

THANK YOU – SI YUUS MAASE – MAY GOD BLESS US ALL

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Anthony T. and Carmen B. Atalig
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Bodyguard: Anna Nicole's boyfriend supplied drugs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anna Nicole Smith was “obsessed” with pills and was assisted in taking drugs by her lawyer-boyfriend in the weeks before her death, the celebrity model’s bodyguard testified Friday.

Maurice Brighthaupt depicted a chaotic situation at the home where Smith was staying in the Bahamas after the birth of her daughter and the death of her son, Daniel, from a drug overdose.

Brighthaupt said he saw defendant Howard K. Stern holding Smith’s head and giving her pills when she was too weak to take them on her own.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kristine Eroshevich, another defendant who was Smith’s psychiatrist, was trying to hide medications from Smith after shipping the drugs to the model from Los Angeles, he said.

Brighthaupt identified shipping receipts and said Eroshevich sent Chloral Hydrate, a powerful sleep medicine, which Smith gulped from the bottle. It was named in her autopsy as one of the nine drugs on which she eventually overdosed.

“She was demanding them like an addict,” Brighthaupt said, but the comment was stricken by the judge because an issue in the case is whether Smith was addicted or merely dependent on drugs to ease pain.

In one confrontation with Smith, Eroshevich “started crying and threatening to leave if she mixed alcohol and prescription drugs,” Brighthaupt said.

“And what was Mr. Stern saying?” Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose asked.

“Oh, he said she can handle it. Anna can handle it,” the bodyguard recalled.

Across the courtroom, Stern shook his head and appeared incredulous.

Stern and Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty along with Dr. Sandeep Kapoor to conspiring to supply the Playboy model and reality TV star with massive amounts of opiates and sleep medications. They are not charged with causing her 2007 overdose death in a Hollywood, Fla., hotel room.

On cross-examination by Stern’s lawyer, Steve Sadow, Brighthaupt said Stern loved and cared for Smith.

“I don’t think he forced drugs on her. From what I know, it was her time to take medicine and he gave her medicine,” Brighthaupt said. “I believe Anna made her own decisions.”

Brighthaupt said he wishes he had taken drugs away from Smith. “I think about that every day.”

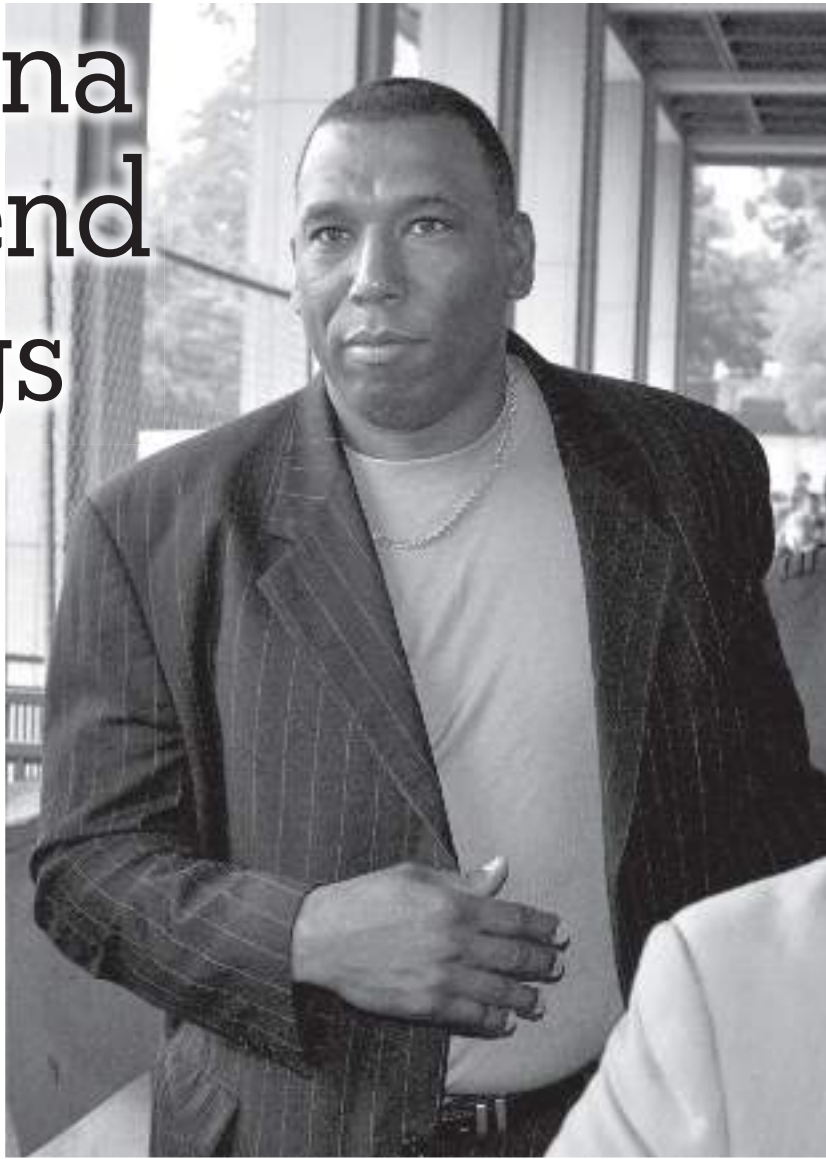
He acknowledged selling pictures and interviews to cable TV for more than \$100,000 after Smith’s death. But most of what he said on the shows were lies, including his claim that he never saw Methadone, a powerful pain killer, in her home, Brighthaupt said. She was taking it in huge doses.

“I thought as someone who had protected her in life, I should try to save what reputation she had left,” he said. “She was like a sister to me.”

Brighthaupt said his lying is over now. “I knew there would come a time when I had to be truthful,” he said. “I came clean.”

Asked about Stern’s reaction to a suggestion that Smith needed treatment, Brighthaupt said: “He explained she was in rehab before and that it almost killed her and she vowed not to go into rehab again.”

As Smith drifted further into a drug haze, she once fell off a raft in the middle of the swimming pool and sank to



Maurice Brighthaupt, a bodyguard who goes by “Big Moe,” arrives into Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday, Aug. 6, 2010.

the bottom before Brighthaupt rescued her, he testified.

Brighthaupt, who was one of the last people to see Smith alive, testified that both Eroshevich and Stern injected Smith with substances, but he didn’t know if she was given B-12 shots or drugs.

Smith took “a bag of meds” with her and would take 20 pills at a time, including Valium, from a dish she kept at her bedside, Brighthaupt testified, and her obsession with the drugs increased after her son’s death.

“She was a hurt lady,” he said.

Brighthaupt, a Miami firefighter and paramedic, unsuccessfully tried to revive Smith, 39, as she lay lifeless.

Despite her drug use, Smith re-

mained intelligent and aware. “She wasn’t just sitting there popping pills,” he said.

After she took medication, “she was tired a lot. She would sleep a lot. But when she was up, she was a happy, fun-loving young lady who liked the attention and enjoyed her fans.”

Brighthaupt said he tried to discourage her from taking so much medicine.

“That was my job — to protect her from herself,” he said.

‘American Idol’ hot ticket for aspiring pop stars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fox TV’s “American Idol” has a shortage of judges at the moment, but it’s doing fine with would-be contestants.

Nearly 50,000 people have turned out in the first four cities where tryouts have been held, according to series producers. Auditions for the singing contest’s 10th season started July 15 in Nashville, Tenn.

The crowds of 16,000 in Nashville and 17,000 in East Rutherford, N.J., are among the biggest the show has ever seen—eclipsed only by the 22,000 that auditioned in Washington, D.C., for season four, a show spokeswoman said.

Earlier this year, “American Idol” expanded the pool by lowering the age eligibility a year, from 16 to 15 years old. The maximum age to audition remains 28.

Host Ryan Seacrest suggested another reason for the enthusiasm.

“I think people are sensing that season 10 is a historic moment, and they all want to take a shot at being the 10th American Idol,” Seacrest said at the New Jersey audition earlier this week.

The final auditions are set for Austin, Texas, on Aug. 11 and San Francisco on Aug. 19.

“American Idol” also is in search of new judges for its January return. Simon Cowell and Ellen DeGeneres have exited, with Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler reportedly the front-runners to join the panel. Fox hasn’t

Former Fugee Pras not backing Wyclef for president

NEW YORK (AP)—Wyclef Jean’s presidential bid in Haiti is receiving criticism from his childhood friend and fellow Fugees bandmate, Pras.

The Haitian-born musician says he will not back Jean because he lacks a definitive plan to bring the island nation into the 21st century.

“You’ve got 1.2 million people living in tent city right now. What are the plans to get these people out,” Pras said of the survivors of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Pras plans to support Jean’s opponent, Michel “Sweet Micky” Martelly, who he said is better suited to run the country.

“He’s more popular in Haiti than Wyclef,” said Pras.

Jean’s publicist, Leslie Chasky, didn’t immediately return a telephone call Friday night seeking a response to Pras’ comments.

Jean is currently regarded as the front-runner in the country’s Nov. 28 election. But he has come under scrutiny since officially announcing his candidacy Thursday.

Actor Sean Penn has accused Jean of not spending enough time in Haiti after the quake and misappropriating \$400,000 of the \$9 million his charity, Yele Haiti, raised after the disaster. Jean told The Associated Press on Thursday: “I just want Sean Penn to fully understand I am a Haitian, born in Haiti and I’ve been coming to my country ever since (I was) a child.”

Pras said that Jean uses a private jet for his frequent trips to Haiti and that he wonders why Jean doesn’t take a commercial flight, since the money saved can help displaced families.

He added that he loves Wyclef “dearly,” but he just doesn’t support his policies.

‘Jersey Shore’ introduces new cast member



In this July 27, 2010 file photo, Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi, a cast member of MTV’s “Jersey Shore” reality series is shown at the New York Stock Exchange.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Snooki has a new roommate.

Deena Nicole Cortese, a 23-year-old New Jersey native, has joined the cast of “Jersey Shore.” Her addition to the show’s gang of hard-partying twentysomethings was officially announced at a Friday meeting of the Television Critics Association. Cortese, who hails from New Egypt, N.J., joined the “Jersey Shore” cast on stage—except for outsider Angelina Pivarnick.

“Angelina didn’t fit in,” Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi later said.

“Yeah, it’s not for everybody,” Paul “Pauly D” Del Vecchio added.

“UPGRADE!” Cortese exclaimed.

Cortese, who was “partners in crime” with Snooki before heading to “Jersey Shore,” had widely been rumored to have joined the popular MTV reality TV series since production on new episodes began last month in Seaside Heights, N.J. She said she was surprised by the barrage of attention, including when video of her using a racial slur made the rounds online.

“I wasn’t expecting that right away,” said Cortese. “That video, I literally

didn’t mean any disrespect to anyone. If I did offend anyone, I apologize. It’s just a slang word I said and didn’t mean it. I didn’t want to offend anyone. It wasn’t disrespectful at all.”

The show’s second season, set in Miami’s South Beach, is currently airing on MTV and features original cast members Pivarnick, Polizzi and Del Vecchio, as well as Mike “The Situation” Sorrentino, Jenni “JWoww” Farley, Sammi “Sweetheart” Giancola, Ronnie Magro and Vinny Guadagnino. Cortese will be introduced when the show heads back to The Garden State.

“She fit right in,” Pauly D said. “We’re having fun with her.”

The tanned Cortese, who said she’s spent every summer on the Jersey shore since she was 17 years old, sported a big bruise on her knee Friday, calling it “a battle scar” recently earned from partying. As for the possibility of romance on the shore, Cortese said she isn’t ruling out the possibility of a fling with The Situation, Pauly D or any of her other castmates.

“Whatever happens, happens,” she said. “I think they’re all good looking.”

addressed the status of judges Randy Jackson or Kara DioGuardi.

Nigel Lythgoe, the “So You Think You Can Dance” judge and co-creator who is rejoining “American Idol” as an executive producer, told Fox News he thinks there is more talent to be discovered and hopes to “find the next Michael Jackson.”

He’s also ready to have attention shift from judges to singers, Lythgoe said.

“Really, we should be talking about the contestants, and that’s what I want to see happening again. Focusing on their talent. Even if it’s Sanjaya (and) we’re talking about his ... hair, for goodness’ sake,” Lythgoe told Fox, referring to former contestant Sanjaya Malakar’s eye-catching hairdo parade.

On Wednesday, News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch told a conference call with analysts and journalists, “we’re very close to announcing who the judges will be. There are very active negotiations with a number of people.”

Murdoch, whose News Corp. owns Fox, also predicted that “next year’s ‘Idol’ will be different, it’ll be better. The music will certainly be better and we’ve got great expectations for it.”

The makeover comes after a season during which ratings dipped, but not enough to deny “American Idol” the No. 1 spot. Besides halting the slide, Fox also wants to draw more younger, advertiser-coveted viewers to the show, which has seen its audience age during its run.

Spike Lee bashes US report on vanished Gulf oil

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Filmmaker Spike Lee is calling a “lie” a U.S. government report that 75 percent of the spilled Gulf Coast oil is gone.

Speaking to a meeting of the Television Critics Association on Saturday, Lee said journalists should expose what he called the real story. He argued that it's unlikely that “abracadabra, presto chango” the vast majority of the oil has vanished from Gulf of Mexico waters and coastal wetlands.

Federal scientists said last week that nearly three-quarters of the

oil has been removed by various artificial or natural means, but that the spill's effect on wildlife will long continue.

Lee was promoting his new documentary about New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. “If God Is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise,” a follow-up to his 2006 film about the hurricane, debuts Aug. 23 and 24 on HBO.

Director Spike Lee speaks about his upcoming documentary “If God Is Willing and Da Creek Don't Rise” at the HBO Summer press tour panel in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010. **AP**



Lady Gaga back at Lollapalooza 3 years after debut



Lady Gaga performs during the fifth annual concert festival at Lollapalooza in Grant Park Friday, Aug. 6, 2010, in Chicago. **AP**

CHICAGO (AP)—Lady Gaga has come a long way since her appearance three years ago at the Lollapalooza music festival—but she hasn't forgotten some critics' less-than-stellar reviews of that performance.

The voice behind “Paparazzi” and “Bad Romance” commanded thousands of screaming fans in Chicago on Friday night to forget anyone who ever said they weren't pretty enough or skinny enough—or that “your Lollapalooza BMI stage show was a (expletive) trainwreck. You're a (expletive) superstar. You were born that way!”

The order was met with a roar from the sea of mostly teens and

20-somethings squished in front of the stage, bouncing up and down with their fists in the air.

It was redeeming moment and a far cry from Lady Gaga's first appearance at the festival in 2007, when she sang and played keyboard in a glittery bra and tiny, black bottoms. Recordings of the daytime performance show a distracted crowd and a sparse stage.

Three years later, a towering image of a scantily clad Lady Gaga flashed on a billowing white curtain. The singer started the show in a black jacket with sky-high shoulder pads. Next, she donned a shiny red cape, later dancing around in a transparent dress.

“My name is Lady Gaga. I thank you for coming to my show. I didn't used to be brave. In fact I wasn't very brave at all,” she told her fans. “But you have made me brave, little monsters. So now I'm going to brave for you. Tonight, I want you to free yourself.”

Emma Thompson gets Hollywood sidewalk star

LOS ANGELES (AP)—British star Emma Thompson has been enshrined in concrete outside the historic Pig 'n Whistle pub on Hollywood Boulevard.

The 51-year-old actress was presented with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame on Friday, two weeks ahead of the Aug. 20 release of her latest film, “Nanny McPhee Returns.”

“Nanny” castmate Maggie Gyllenhaal and “House” star Hugh Laurie, whom Thompson dated when they attended England's University of Cambridge, were on hand for the midday ceremony, as was a baby pig, who posed for photos with Thompson on her new star.

Thompson also had a pint of beer on her new piece of terrazzo real estate.

Thompson won an Academy Award for her leading role as Margaret Schlegel in 1992's “Howards End.” She won a second Oscar in 1996 for best adapted screenplay for “Sense and Sensibility,” for which she also received a best actress nomination.

British actress Emma Thompson, right, hugs friend Maggie Gyllenhaal, as she is honored with a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in front of the Pig 'n Whistle pub on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles on Friday, Aug. 6, 2010. **AP**



‘Boardwalk’ lead role is Buscemi's dream come true



BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Respected character actor Steve Buscemi says it's only in his “wildest” dreams that he saw himself as a leading man.

But that's just what Buscemi (boo-SEH'mee) is in the new HBO series “Boardwalk Empire,” set in Prohibition-era At-

lantic City, N.J. Buscemi stars as a politician maneuvering his way through 1920s corruption, violence and romance.

At a meeting Saturday of the Television Critics Association, Buscemi recalled thinking he was glad he'd read the excellent script because he would have been unhappy to lose the role.

“Boardwalk Empire,” starring Buscemi and Scottish actress Kelly Macdonald, debuts Sept. 19 on HBO with an episode directed by Martin Scorsese, who's an executive producer for the series.

Gabor's publicist John Blanchette said Saturday that Gabor had a bad reaction to morphine, but her condition has improved since she was switched to a different pain medication.

Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized until at least Monday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Doctors want to keep Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized until at least Monday, after the 93-year-old actress went into shock during her recovery from a broken hip.

Gabor's publicist John Blanchette said Saturday that Gabor had a bad reaction to morphine, but her condition has improved since she was switched to a different pain medication.

Blanchette calls Gabor “a fighter.”

Gabor broke her hip July 17 as she was lifting herself from bed into a wheelchair that tipped over. The Hungarian-born actress' condition began to deteriorate after hip-replacement surgery days later.

Gabor's husband Prince Frederic von Anhalt says Gabor appears depressed. He hopes the return home will restore her spirit.

Daughter wants to spend time, not money, with gambling mom

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My widowed father-in-law is 77 and my mom is 71. I try to spend time with them so they won't be lonely. The problem is they now have only one interest -- gambling. They are only happy if someone will take them to a casino. A simple dinner or movie is no longer wanted.

I don't mind going once in a while. The closest casino is 90 miles away. But it ends up being an all-day affair, with me gambling money I would prefer not to let go of that way. I have brought books and spent time reading in the car or in restaurants, but that's not quality time, either.

They think that because my husband is successful, I should have no problem with money. Abby, I am careful how I spend money. You can't be in a casino for four hours and not lose a lot of money. Now they're mad at me because I don't want to take them anymore. Mom even wanted to stretch out the trip to an overnighter. Help!

BETTING I'M RIGHT IN OHIO

DEAR BETTING: You are a caring wife and daughter. But it appears your mother and father-in-law are less interested in spending time with you than in spending time in the casino. If they can afford it, that should be their privilege, but you are all adults -- and if your concept of a social get-together involves more than sitting in front of a slot machine or repeating, “Deal me in!” then you're right to refuse to be used as transportation. Many seniors visit casinos in groups, using buses to get there and back, and so can your relatives. Don't feel guilty about it.

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DEAR ABBY: My darling wife passed away after 38 years of marriage. After she died, her sister and I began talking on the phone as a way to get me through a very difficult time. A year later, I finally asked her to dinner.

We have discovered we have feelings for each other. Do you think there is anything wrong with this, and are we wrong for spending time together?

CONSOLED IN ALABAMA

DEAR CONSOLED: Not only is there nothing wrong with it, there is a lot right with it. After being in-laws for nearly four decades, you have a wealth of shared history. And that can be the basis of a strong relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: On April 6, you printed my letter about having been sent a photocopy of a high school graduation announcement. No picture was included, nor a card -- just the photocopy folded into a cheap envelope. (The “real” ones had been sent to more “important” people!) You called me to discuss my letter, and your call made my day.

My mom happened to call me right after I got off the phone, and when I told her my letter was being printed in your column, she informed me that she had actually received a photocopy of a thank-you card that day, from the same person I was talking about in my letter. These people continue to floor me.

Anyway, I hope this is the last “photocopy” story you'll be getting about them. But who knows? There could still be photocopies of wedding invitations and birth announcements in the future.

EVEN MORE FLABBERGASTED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR EVEN MORE FLABBERGASTED: Indeed there could. Obviously the folks you described in your letter aren't Dear Abby readers. It's lucky you have a sense of humor. With friends like those you need one.

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Rice and Smith enter Hall of Fame



CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Jerry Rice and Emmitt Smith can stop the chase now.

Linked as the NFL's leading receiver and rusher, two of the greatest players football has seen entered the Hall of Fame on Saturday night. Both admitted their destinies are fulfilled.

"This is finally it," Rice said. "There are no more routes to run, no more touchdowns to score, no more records to set. That young boy from Mississippi has finally stopped running."

"Let me stand here and catch my breath."

An hour later, Smith tried to hold back his tears as he reflected on his unequalled career.

"Most people only dream," Smith said. "I not only had my childhood dream, I did everything I could to fulfill it."

"You know what, I am now the all-time leading rusher. 'Wow. What an honor.'"

Rice was the man who took away everyone's breath during an incredible 20 years and was one of seven NFL greats to enter the shrine as the Class of 2010. It is one of the strongest groups ever inducted, also including John Randle, Dick LeBeau, Rickey Jackson, Russ Grimm and Floyd Little.

Rice holds every important pass-catching record as the game breaker in the West Coast offense for the San Francisco 49ers. In becoming the top target in the pro game's most dangerous scheme, he established marks that might never be broken.

Rice caught 1,549 passes, more than 400 beyond anyone else. He gained 22,895 yards, more than 7,600 ahead of second place. He scored 208 touchdowns, easily shattering the previous record. He made 10 All-Pro teams, was chosen for 13 Pro Bowls, and made receptions in an almost-unimaginable 274 consecutive games.

Yet, he says, at 47, "I still believe in my heart I could play today."

Looking as fit as any current All-Pro, Rice admits he made one major mistake during that unparalleled career.

"My single regret about my career is I never took the time to enjoy it," he said. "I was always working."

"I was afraid to fail. The fear of failure is the engine that has driven me my entire life. The reason they never caught me from behind is because I ran scared. People always are surprised how insecure I was. The doubts, the struggles, is who I am. I wonder if I would have been as successful without them."

Rice was successful from Day 1 in the NFL, rising from the obscurity of Mississippi Valley State to win three Super Bowls and change the game forever. He was humbled by the conclusion Saturday night.

"I can honestly say this is the greatest team I have ever belonged to," Rice said.

Smith began choking up during a one-minute standing ovation as he stepped to the microphone as the final inductee. He immediately praised Walter Payton, the man he surpassed as rushing king, and recognized the two other Hall of Fame members of the Cowboys' Triplets, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.



The Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2010 poses with their busts after being enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010 in Canton, Ohio. From left are: Emmitt Smith, Dick LeBeau, Russ Grimm, John Randle, Rickey Jackson, Jerry Rice and Floyd Little.

And he broke down when saluting his former fullback, Daryl Johnston.

"You took care of me as if you were taking care of your little brother," Smith said through wet eyes.

Smith rushed for 18,355 yards, with 164 touchdowns, 11 seasons with 1,000 or more yards on the ground, and 78 games with 100 yards rushing.

Smith made the hall in his first year of eligibility and won three Super Bowls, taking MVP honors in the 1994 game.

"When I go into the hall today, I am not going in alone," Smith said. "I am carrying my grandfather, I'm carrying my father and I'm carrying my son along with me because I bear all their names. Now I can say to my dad and my son, EJ, our name will be forever enshrined in the history of football."

While Rice and Smith were immediate selections for the hall, LeBeau fi-

nally was inducted after a 32-year wait.

"Man, this really is a great day to be alive," said LeBeau, elected by the senior committee.

LeBeau was chosen for his 14-year career as a cornerback with the Detroit Lions, in which he had 62 interceptions, still eighth overall. He's best known as an assistant coach, the mastermind of the zone blitz. Currently the defensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers, LeBeau singled out his players who sat in a corner of Fawcett Stadium.

"I am being inducted as a player and believe me that makes me most proud," said LeBeau, at 73 the oldest coordinator in the NFL. "I did that for 14 years. but for the last 38 years I have been a football coach."

"They are here," he added, pointing to the Steelers, who he helped win two Super Bowls in the last five seasons. "That's just about the highest compli-

ment ever paid to me in my life."

"I wouldn't want to be here without you: offense, defense and special teams."

The players stood in applause and fans in the crowd whirled Terrible Towels in tribute.

He was immediately followed on the stage by Randle, who as an undrafted defensive tackle with the Vikings and Seahawks accumulated 137 1/2 sacks in 14 seasons, most for anyone at that position.

Randle made six straight All-Pro teams (1993-98) and was chosen for seven Pro Bowls. He had a league-high 15 1/2 sacks in 1997.

"I am so humbled by this incredible honor which I never thought was possible. I'm a small-town kid whose dream came true."

Grimm was called the "Head Hog" by former Redskins offensive line

coach Joe Bugel. From 1981-91, Grimm led the Hogs and helped the Redskins win three Super Bowls. He is the first member of that memorable line to make the hall.

"It's a privilege to play in the NFL," said Grimm, now the assistant head coach of the Arizona Cardinals. "It's been a privilege to coach in the NFL. It's an honor to be selected here in Canton."

He called the Hogs "a group of guys that grew together, worked together, rose families together" and said he would have their names embroidered on the inside of his gold Hall of Fame jacket.

Jackson, one of the most versatile linebackers in league history, is the first New Orleans Saints player to be enshrined. Jackson made six Pro Bowls with a combination of strong run defense and a tenacity that led to 128 sacks. He helped turn New Orleans from 'Aints to a division winner for the first time (1991), and finished his career with the 49ers, winning a Super Bowl in January 1995.

"I think I deserve to be up here," Jackson said. "Football always has been my life. I see that in these guys up here (onstage), how they carried themselves. They set the standard."

Little was a star running back for the Denver Broncos from 1967-75 despite being the only offensive threat on the team. He had to wait nearly three decades since becoming eligible before getting elected.

One of football's most dynamic runners during his career, Little also was a dangerous punt and kickoff returner. In a relatively short career, he had 12,157 all-purpose yards and scored 54 touchdowns. Yet the Broncos never were better than 7-5-2 in his career.

"There are no words to describe the joy of experiencing this chapter, the highest honor ... everything else pales."

In a powerful induction speech, he also encouraged people to say "Yes I can" throughout their lives and noted he had "given the best I've got."

O'Hair, Palmer lead a crowded leaderboard



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Ryan Palmer is one of those players who can't walk by a leaderboard without looking. Even with his name at the top, he had to stare at the board a long time to get a feel for what was going on Saturday in the Bridgestone Invitational.

He was in good company. There was a lot of company.

Scoring was so good that seven players were tied for the lead with about three hours left in the third round. When the round was over, not much had changed.

Palmer, who birdied three of his last five holes for a 7-under 63, shared the lead with Sean O'Hair, who had a 64. But with 21 players separated by five shots, all that meant was they would be the last to tee off Sunday.

"It doesn't matter if you're in the lead or one shot back, two shots back. It doesn't matter," O'Hair said. "There's 18 holes of golf left, and in my opinion, there's no leaders. It's just a shootout."

That's about what it was Saturday.

Not only did 10 players shoot 67 or better at venerable Firestone, there

were 35 rounds in the 60s.

That list didn't include seven-time Firestone champion Tiger Woods. He went through the motions on his way to a 75, finishing another poor round some two hours before the leaders even teed off. Woods was 20 shots behind, in 78th place out of 80 players in this World Golf Championship.

He declined to speak to the media for the second straight day, telling a PGA Tour official that he drove it terrible, hit his irons terrible and didn't putt well. That would explain his worst score ever at Firestone, and his third straight round over par, having shot par or better every round at this course since 2006.

Phil Mickelson also failed to break par, but he's still in the tournament, and still has a shot to replace Woods at No. 1 in the world.

It was easy to find Mickelson on the South Course, for the gallery was cheering his every move. But he didn't help himself off the tee, often scrambling for par, and he stumbled coming in with two bogeys for a 71.

That dropped him into a tie for 10th, four shots out of the lead. Mickelson would have to finish alone in fourth

place to reach No. 1 in the world ranking for the first time in his career.

His focus is on winning the tournament, and he's not alone. Mickelson was among 15 players separated by only four shots going into the final round on a Firestone course that has given up plenty of low scores with its soft, smooth greens and rough that is not nearly as dense as it has been in previous years.

"I didn't play very well today and made some bogeys on the back nine that were costly," Mickelson said. "The good news is I'm only four back, and that's in striking distance. I also get to play well ahead of the leaders, so if I can get off to a hot start, I can put some pressure on the guys."

Palmer and O'Hair were at 9-under 201 going into a final round with big Ryder Cup implications. O'Hair could lock up a spot on the U.S. team with a victory Sunday.

Katsumasa Miyamoto set the pace early with a 62, the low round of the week and one shot off the course record set by Woods in 2000 and Jose Maria Olazabal in 1990.

"Of all the great players that have

played here that really haven't posted that score, it's just an honor," Miyamoto said.

For so many others, it felt like a picnic. Ernie Els, already a two-time PGA Tour winner this year who has been atop the tour's FedEx Cup standings the last four months, finished with back-to-back birdies for a 64 and was only two shots out of the lead. He was at 7-under 203 along with Peter Hanson of Sweden (68) and Justin Leonard (69).

Hunter Mahan, trying to make a late push for the Ryder Cup team, shot a 66 and was among those at 204.

Retief Goosen, who had a one-shot lead, made triple bogey on the opening hole and never recovered from a bizarre situation. After chipping just through the green, and chunking a chip on his fourth shot, the ball rolled back into the rough. The grass was thin enough that the ball kept turning in the grass, ever so slowly, over a span of about three minutes.

Goosen eventually called an official, who said he could only wait for it to stop. Once it did, he chipped on and took two putts. He shot a 73 and wound up in the group at 4-under 206.

Sabathia outpitches Lackey, Yankees beat Red Sox



NEW YORK
(AP)—CC Sabathia outpitched John Lackey and Ramiro Pena drove in two runs while subbing for injured Alex Rodriguez as the New York Yankees stopped their mini-slide by beating the Boston Red Sox 5-2 on Saturday.

Rodriguez was hit in the lower left leg by Lance Berkman's sharp grounder during batting practice, and medical personnel ran onto the field to check him. X-rays were negative and there was no indication when the All-Star third baseman would return to the lineup.

Robinson Cano hit a go-ahead single in the fifth inning for the Yankees, who had kept the best record in the majors despite losing four of their previous five games.

Sabathia (14-5) shook off an early homer by Victor Martinez and matched Tampa Bay's David Price for the AL wins lead. The big left-hander also earned his 150th career victory.

Lackey (10-7) has won only once in his last seven starts.

Blue Jays 17, Rays 11

At Toronto, the Blue Jays became the first team to hit eight homers in a game in three years, getting two apiece from Aaron Hill and J.P. Arencibia in a win over Tampa Bay.

Jose Bautista, Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Lyle Overbay also connected for the Blue Jays, who lead the majors with 175 homers. Bautista's shot was his major league-best 34th of the season.

It was the most homers in a game for the Blue Jays since they hit a major league-record 10 against Baltimore on Sept. 14, 1987.

The New York Yankees were the last team to hit at least eight homers in a single game, according to STATS LLC, going deep eight times in a 16-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on July 31, 2007, at Yankee Stadium.

James Shields (10-10) became just the eighth pitcher in the modern era to surrender six homers in a game.

White Sox 4, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Gavin Floyd allowed two runs in seven innings as Chicago ended Buck Showalter's unbeaten run as manager of Baltimore.

The Orioles had won four straight since Showalter took over on Tuesday, matching their longest winning streak of the season. Baltimore bolted to an early 2-0 lead in a bid to make it five in a row, but the margin failed to stand up against the AL Central leaders.

Carlos Quentin hit his 22nd homer in the fourth inning, and Chicago added single runs in the seventh and eighth against reliever Jason Berken (3-3) before scoring an unearned run in the ninth.

Athletics 6, Rangers 2

At Oakland, California, Coco Crisp homered, hit two sacrifice flies and scored twice to back 10-game winner Gio Gonzalez and Oakland to the victory over Texas.

Mark Ellis also had a sacrifice fly as Oakland quickly jumped on former A's ace Rich Harden (4-4). The A's snapped Texas' three-game winning streak and pulled within 8½ games of the AL West-leading Rangers.



New York Yankees' Nick Swisher, center, celebrates with teammates Brett Gardner, left, and Curtis Granderson, right, after their 5-2 win over the Boston Red Sox in a baseball game, Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, in New York.

Angels 10, Tigers 1

At Detroit, Scott Kazmir allowed one unearned run in five innings in his return from the disabled list as Los Angeles routed slumping Detroit.

Kazmir (8-9), who had been sidelined since July 10 with shoulder fatigue, snapped a four-start losing streak. He gave up three hits and a walk, striking out three as the Angels clinched their first road series victory since June 16-18 against the Cubs.

Twins 7, Indians 2

At Cleveland, Carl Pavano pitched seven innings to beat his former team and Joe Mauer had four hits as Minnesota defeated Cleveland.

Clinging to a 3-2 lead, Pavano (14-7) struck out Shelley Duncan to get out of a bases-loaded jam on his final pitch of the night. He allowed seven hits, struck out six and walked four on the one-year anniversary of being traded for minor leaguer Yohan Pino.

Royals 2, Mariners 1

At Seattle, Bruce Chen scattered three hits over seven innings as Kansas City held off Seattle.

Chen (7-5) yielded a solo home run to Russell Branyan along with a pair of harmless singles. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter in his second longest outing this season.

Braves 3, Giants 0

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson threw eight dominant innings and Troy Glaus hit a two-run single in Atlanta's three-run fourth as the Braves beat the San Francisco Giants.

Billy Wagner, who blew a save opportunity in Atlanta's 3-2, 11-inning loss to the Giants on Friday night, finished for his 27th save in 33 chances, striking out the side.

Hudson (13-5) allowed three hits,

walked one and struck out six, improving to 4-0 with a sparkling 0.63 ERA in his last four starts. He is 3-0 with a 2.84 ERA in his last five starts against the Giants, dating to 2006.

The National League East-leading Braves have won three of four to improve to 38-15 at home, best in the majors.

Marlins 5, Cardinals 4, 10 innings

At Miami, Hanley Ramirez hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to give Florida the much-needed victory over St. Louis.

Ramirez, Dan Uggla, and Donnie Murphy also homered for the Marlins, who snapped a five-game losing streak. Clay Hensley (2-4) pitched a scoreless 10th to get the win.

Chad Tracy hit a one-out single off Ryan Franklin (6-2) before Ramirez doubled to deep right-center field.

The Cardinals trailed 3-2 with two outs in the ninth before Yadier Molina and Aaron Miles each hit RBI singles off Leo Nunez.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 5

At Phoenix, Chris Young started and ended the game with homers, powering Arizona to the win over San Diego.

Young opened with his 16th career leadoff homer off Clayton Richard, helping the Diamondbacks build a 5-3 lead.

Jerry Hairston Jr. led off the San Diego ninth with a homer off Aaron Heilman (3-3), then Adrian Gonzalez tied it with a two-strike, two-out solo shot to left.

Young ended it quickly, hitting the winning homer off Luke Gregerson (3-6) to left, sending the sellout crowd of 48,946 happy on the night Luis Gonzalez became the first Diamondbacks player to have his number retired.

Pirates 8, Rockies 7, 10 innings

At Pittsburgh, rookie Pedro Alvarez hit a winning three-run homer with two out in the 10th inning to send Pittsburgh to a wild victory over Colorado.

Alvarez's 10th homer and second in as many days came on an 0-1 pitch from Huston Street (2-3) with Andrew McCutchen and Garrett Jones aboard.

Ian Stewart hit a tying three-run homer in the ninth for the Rockies and Todd Helton's two-run shot off Sean Gallagher (2-0) in the 10th made it 7-5.

Jones and Chris Snyder also homered for last-place Pittsburgh, which has won three of five. Alvarez, the No. 2 overall draft pick two years ago, connected for the ninth time at home this season, capping a 3-for-6 night.

Mets 1, Phillies 0

At Philadelphia, Johan Santana allowed five hits in 7 1-3 innings and Jeff Francoeur homered as New York blanked Philadelphia.

Francisco Rodriguez got the final five outs for his 24th save in 29 chances as the Mets ended Philadelphia's five-game winning streak and 12-game home surge.

Santana (9-6) struck out six, walked three and didn't allow a hit until Placido Polanco singled with two outs in the sixth.

Reds 4, Cubs 3

At Chicago, Drew Stubbs hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning and drove in a pair of runs to lead surging Cincinnati over Chicago.

Stubbs doubled and scored in the third, started the eighth with his 14th homer and singled in a run in the ninth. The speedy center fielder snapped out of a 1-for-37 funk after being benched for five games. He is batting .318 with five homers against the Cubs this season.

Reds closer Francisco Cordero entered with a 4-1 lead but walked the bases loaded and before forcing in a run by hitting Starlin Castro with an 0-2 pitch. Nick Masset came on and struck out Derrek Lee, walked Aramis Ramirez for Chicago's final run and struck out Marlon Byrd for his second save.

Brewers 5, Astros 2

At Milwaukee, Rickie Weeks hit an inside-the-park homer and George Kotaras added a solo shot to help Milwaukee get the win over Houston.

Randy Wolf (8-9) gave up two runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings for the Brewers. The left-hander was forced to leave his previous start last Sunday against the Astros in the seventh inning when he was struck on the wrist by a ball hit by Hunter Pence.

Trevor Hoffman pitched a scoreless ninth inning to get his sixth save of the season in 11 chances. It was his first save since May 7 against Arizona and No. 597 for his career.

Dodgers 3, Nationals 2, 10 innings

At Los Angeles, James Loney singled home the winning run with one out in the 10th inning as Los Angeles beat Washington.

Sean Burnett (0-6) came on in the 10th and gave up a leadoff walk to pinch-hitter Ronnie Belliard, who took third on Scott Podsednik's single to

right-center. The Nationals then went to a five-man infield, pulling Michael Morse in from right field, and Morse held Belliard on a chopper over the mound by Ryan Theriot.

LeBron James thanks fans at annual bike-a-thon



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James finally thanked his fans in Cleveland on Saturday, making his first public appearance since he left the Cavaliers for the Miami Heat.

At his annual "King for Kids" charity bike-a-thon in downtown Akron, James addressed a friendly crowd of several hundred people who cheered as he took the podium.

"To the city of Cleveland, my fans in Cleveland, my fans in northeast Ohio," said James, "I want to say thank you for the last seven years and the years that continue to go in the future."

Then he repeated the thank you to Cleveland a second time, as if for extra emphasis.

"So I want to thank the city of Cleveland, also northeast Ohio, for all the great years that I've had," he said.

Last week, James came under fire for taking out a full-page newspaper ad in the Akron Beacon Journal in which he thanked the city of Akron for its support. The ad contained no mention of Cleveland, where James got his start in the NBA.

Emotions are still running high among Cleveland fans who felt betrayed by James, who was revered in that city for years.

After James left for Miami to join Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert sent off a scathing letter to Cleveland fans vowing to win a title before James does.

But in Akron, at least, James is still very much loved by the people who watched him grow up. After giving his brief speech—and without answering any questions from the media—James hopped on a bicycle and joined about 400 children who received free bicycles along the one-mile course.

Wearing a red shirt with the word "Akron" printed on it, James also thanked that city and its mayor for extending open arms to the player and his family. He said this is the most precious day of the year for him.

"Because I'm able to give back to the city that I grew up in, the city that I love," James said to cheers. "And the city that I will always give back to."

Most fans were pleased to see him, and didn't understand the vitriol that has been directed at James from the rest of northeast Ohio since he left.

"This is his home. He's been very supportive of us in the past," said Tony Morganti, a Cavs fan from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. "He said he's going to continue to be so, and I think this just proves it."

Baseball team loses to Palau despite lead

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KOROR, Palau—

The CNMI baseball team will never forget the rainy days here, as it cost the Commonwealth what could have been a semis win in the 7th Micronesian Games.

The CNMI-Palau duel for the first finals seat at the Asahi Ball Field Saturday was rained-out at the top of the seventh inning. Before the rain came, the Commonwealth was up, 7-5, at the top of the seventh inning, with bases loaded and two outs. When the rain did not stop, tournament officials decided to call the game with the CNMI on the losing end of the semis match. Palau was awarded the win based on International Baseball Federation rules on a rained-out game.

IBF rules on a rained-out game state that if two teams have played five complete innings and it was rained out, the match is considered a regular game.

CNMI coach Patrick Tenorio in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* Saturday night said from this provision, it was their understanding that the game had indeed past five innings and since they had the lead when the rain stopped, they should either had been awarded the win or granted a continuance of the game.

However, Tenorio added tournament officials and IBF representative Ray Brown said the CNMI would have been awarded the win only if Palau had already had their turn at bat at the bottom of the seventh.

So since the game was still at the top of the seventh with the CNMI at bat, the match shall be decided based on the scores after six complete innings.

Palau led, 5-3, after six, before the CNMI racked up four runs to grab the lead at top of the seventh.

CNMI team manager Tony Rogolifo appealed the decision to the tournament committee, but to no avail. He then went to submit the protest to



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Justin Alexander delivers a pitch against a Palauan batter during the first inning of their rained out semis game in the 7th Micronesian Games last Saturday at the Asahi Ball Field.

the Micronesian Games Council, which eventually upheld the baseball technical committee's earlier decision.

With the unfortunate loss, the CNMI dropped to the loser's bracket and needed to win

against the victor of the Kosrae-Guam playoff.

Guam and Kosrae played at 4pm yesterday, while the winner of this rubber match was set to duel the CNMI for the last finals seat at 6pm last night.

gan and Wendell Roden, while Loyola and Cruz won the bronze.

Athletics team reigns

The Commonwealth's tracksters ruled the athletics competition, after notching three more gold medals at the conclusion of the event last Friday at the Palau National Track and Field.

The CNMI won the women's 4x100m and 4x400m relays runs and the 400m run.

Jacque Wonenberg, Yvonne and Yvette Bennett, and Lia Rangamar teamed up in the 4x400m run for the CNMI,

while Reylyn Sapong joined the Bennett twins and Wonenberg in the 4x100m race. Yvonne took her third gold medal in individual event after prevailing in the 400m race.

Overall, the CNMI won 13 gold medals, five silver, and seven bronze against Palau's 12-10-6 and Guam's 5-10-13.

Meanwhile, the CNMI spearfishing team failed to get a medal in the individual event after erstwhile champion Felix Sasamoto finished only fifth and Morito Asai placed 10th. Results of yesterday's team event were unavailable at press time.

Edward said.

Pohnpei was the lone island-nation to submit a bid and after only a few questions from council members, MGOC declared one of the four FSM states the host of the 2014 Games.

government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

"Between now until we host the Games, we expect to see developments and improvements in Pohnpei to get things ready for the 2014 Games,"

Mendoza, who opened the third canto for the CNMI with her first triple, and Camacho, who buried three straight treys, to foil Palau's repeated comeback bids.

Camacho went to notch 11 consecutive points in the third canto, while Pagarao made it to the scoreboard for the first time since the opening canto, upping the CNMI's lead to 53-47.

The six-point lead going into the fourth quarter was enough for the CNMI to preserve the win despite having been limited to eight points in the playoff period.

Of the Commonwealth's eight points, Rangamar scored four of them and Pagarao and Mendoza had two each.

Trolii led Palau's losing cause with 20 points.

In the men's division, the CNMI (2-3) was facing Guam last night. Pending last night's

game results, the CNMI is ranked fourth in the team standings tied with the Marshall Islands. Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the medal round and the last playoff spot will be determined by the results of the remaining games in elimination round.

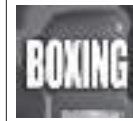
At press time, Guam is undefeated with a 4-0 record, Pohnpei has earned 4-1 mark, Kosrae had gained a 3-2 slate, Palau has posted 1-3, and Chuuk is winless in four games.

CNMI 61 — Camacho 23, Rangamar 14, Pagarao 12, Mendoza 5, Bennett 2, Williams 2, Diaz 2, Castillo 1,

Palau 58 — Trolii 20, Gibbons 13, ketebengang 10, Calvo 8, Tellei 2, Ueda 2, Fritz 2, Willter 1

Scoring by quarters: 19-15; 34-32, 53-47, 61-58.

Marquez not on the Pacman's radar screen



MANILA, Philippines—

For now, Juan Manuel Marquez is not on Manny Pacquiao's list of possible opponents.

Lawyer Jeng Gacal, Sarangani Rep. Pacquiao's chief of staff in Congress, disclosed this Monday after the fresh challenge hurled by Marquez—who beat Juan Diaz by unanimous decision Saturday night in Las Vegas—at the Filipino pound-for-pound king.

"He's out of the picture at the moment," said Gacal.

In their first showdown in 2004, Marquez recovered from three first-round knockdowns to forge a controversial draw with Pacquiao. Two years ago, Pacquiao knocked down Marquez in the third round of their second fight and won by split decision.

Since then, Pacquiao has climbed to the welterweight class against Oscar De La Hoya, to light welterweight against Ricky Hatton and to welterweight against Miguel Cotto (145 pounds catch weight) and Joshua Clottey.

Negotiations are being finalized for Pacquiao to battle Mexican Antonio Margarito for the vacant WBC super welterweight crown on Nov. 13.

During the post-fight conference, Marquez said he's willing to fight Pacquiao, boxing's only seven-time champion in as many divisions, at 140 to 145.

According to Gacal, if ever Pacquiao decides to give Marquez another chance, it would be at over 140.

"Manny will find it hard to trim down to 140 now," said Gacal. (PDI)

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team event.

The triathlon competition went smoothly because of the good weather, which also benefited the tennis games played at the PPR tennis courts.

Todd Montgomery retained his gold medal after beating teammate Peter Loyola in a shortened men's singles finals, 4-0, 4-1. Organizers had to defer from using the regular scoring in a match to complete the tennis competition, which had

been delayed by rain in the past two days.

Jeff Race took the men's singles bronze after downing another CNMI bet Bobby Cruz, 4-0, 4-1.

In the women's singles finals, Kana Aikawa won over Ayuri Sugahara, 4-1,4-1, while Mayuko Arriola claimed the bronze after defeating Terea Tapu (5-4 (2), 4-1). Aikawa and Arriola then prevailed in the women's doubles finals against Tapu and Sugahara, 3-5, 4-1, 5-4.

In the men's doubles, Montgomery and Race settled for a silver after losing to Justin Du-

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days, the same as the one being held here.

Edward, who was joined by

Pohnpei sports officials during their bid presentation at the MGOC meeting at the conference room of the Palau National Aquarium, added Pohnpei's interest in hosting the next Micro Games has the backing of the

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lands, which will dispute the bronze against Palau today.

Palau came into the semifinals tiff seeded second after its 3-1 record in the elimination round. The hosts were definitely favored to win the game having the crowd on their side and riding on the momentum of their 64-47 demolition against the visitors in their first meeting.

However, the CNMI came out more prepared in their second duel and had their guns blazing to spoil Palau's bid for a return trip to the finals and advance to the gold medal game.

Connie Camacho, who briefly played in a league in this court several years ago, burned the hoops with her five triples and game-high 23 markers.

Lia Rangamar and Lalaine Pagarao also finished in double figures with 14 and 12, respectively.

Pagarao got the CNMI's offense going in the first quarter, drilling eight of her total points in the opening canto to give the CNMI a 19-15 lead.

Rangamar chipped in six in the first, while Camacho knocked down her first triple in the closing seconds of that period to put the Commonwealth in the driver's seat.

Camacho added another triple in the second canto and scored seven, as she kept the CNMI in front at the break, 34-32.

The start of the second half saw the two semifinalists engaged in a 3-point shootout with Palau's Carissa Trollii making the team's first two baskets in the third from downtown.

Not to be outdone were Jamie

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	68	41	.624	—
Tampa Bay	67	43	.609	1 1/2
Boston	63	48	.568	6
Toronto	58	52	.527	10 1/2
Baltimore	36	74	.327	32 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	63	47	.573	—
Minnesota	62	49	.559	1 1/2
Detroit	53	57	.482	10
Kansas City	47	63	.427	16
Cleveland	47	64	.423	16 1/2

West Division

Texas	64	46	.582	—
Oakland	55	54	.505	8 1/2
Los Angeles	56	56	.500	9
Seattle	41	70	.369	23 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	63	47	.573	—
Philadelphia	61	49	.555	2
New York	55	55	.500	8
Florida	54	56	.491	9
Washington	49	62	.441	14 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	63	48	.568	—
St. Louis	61	49	.555	1 1/2
Milwaukee	52	59	.468	11
Houston	47	62	.431	15
Chicago	47	63	.427	15 1/2
Pittsburgh	39	71	.355	23 1/2

West Division

San Diego	63	46	.578	—
San Francisco	63	48	.568	1
Colorado	57	53	.518	6 1/2
Los Angeles	57	54	.514	7
Arizona	43	68	.387	21

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 3	
Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 7, 10 innings	
N.Y. Mets 1, Philadelphia 0	
Milwaukee 5, Houston 2	
Atlanta 3, San Francisco 0	
Florida 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings	
Arizona 6, San Diego 5	
L.A. Dodgers 3, Washington 2, 10 innings	
Toronto 17, Tampa Bay 11	
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 2	
Oakland 6, Texas 2	
Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore 2	
L.A. Angels 10, Detroit 1	
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2	
Kansas City 2, Seattle 1	

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Scores Saturday from the Bridgestone Invitational, an \$8.5 million World Golf Championship event at the 7,400-yard, par-70 South Course at Firestone Country Club:

THIRD ROUND

Ryan Palmer	70-68-63—201
Sean O'Hair	67-70-64—201
Matt Kuchar	69-67-66—202

Ernie Els	69-70-64—203
Peter Hanson	69-66-68—203
Justin Leonard	68-66-69—203
Hunter Mahan	71-67-66—204
Jeff Overton	67-70-67—204
Bo Van Pelt	67-68-69—204
Katsumasa Miyamoto	71-72-62—205
Oliver Wilson	71-67-67—205
Dustin Johnson	72-65-68—205
Nick Watney	68-68-69—205
Bubba Watson	64-71-70—205
Phil Mickelson	66-68-71—205
Angel Cabrera	71-68-67—206
Geoff Ogilvy	71-67-68—206
Rory McIlroy	68-69-69—206
Lucas Glover	70-66-70—206
Miguel A. Jimenez	69-67-70—206
Relief Goosen	67-66-73—206
Kenny Perry	66-73-68—207
Graeme McDowell	66-73-68—207
Steve Stricker	68-71-69—208
Martin Kaymer	72-67-69—208
Jason Day	69-70-69—208
Alexander Noren	69-69-70—208
Ryan Moore	70-68-70—208
Adam Scott	66-70-72—208
Charl Schwartzel	73-68-68—209
Sergio Garcia	70-70-69—209
Martin Laird	70-71-68—209
Jim Furyk	72-68-69—209
Padraig Harrington	69-70-70—209
Paul Casey	68-68-73—209
Heath Slocum	75-68-67—210
Louis Oosthuizen	72-70-68—210
Rickie Fowler	68-73-69—210
Ross McGowan	71-69-70—210
Bill Haas	73-66-71—210
Ben Curtis	69-70-71—210
Scott Verplank	75-68-68—211
Troy Matteson	72-70-69—211
Stewart Cink	72-69-70—211
Justin Rose	71-70-70—211
Zach Johnson	70-70-71—211
James Kingston	75-65-71—211
Marcus Fraser	72-72-68—212
Edoardo Molinari	71-71-70—212
Jason Bohn	71-68-73—212
Luke Donald	70-69-73—212
Ross Fisher	70-68-74—212
Boo Weekley	73-72-68—213
Francesco Molinari	70-72-71—213
Y.E. Yang	74-68-71—213
Mike Weir	72-69-72—213
Ben Crane	71-70-72—213
Chad Campbell	67-73-73—213
Alvaro Quiros	73-66-74—213
Vijay Singh	71-73-70—214
Gregory Bourdy	68-72-74—214
J.B. Holmes	74-72-69—215
K.J. Choi	70-73-72—215
Stuart Appleby	74-72-70—216
Rhys Davies	75-69-72—216
Ryo Ishikawa	71-73-72—216
Yuta Ikeda	72-76-69—217
Hennie Otto	73-72-72—217
Tim Clark	70-72-75—217
Soren Hansen	71-75-72—218
Simon Dyson	72-73-73—218
Robert Karlsson	71-74-73—218
Simon Khan	73-71-74—218
Camilo Villegas	75-73-71—219
David Horsey	73-71-75—219
Ian Poulter	72-70-77—219
Anthony Kim	75-76-69—220
Tiger Woods	74-72-75—221
Henrik Stenson	79-75-71—225
Michael Jonzon	76-74-76—226

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Hero's welcome for conquering swim team

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After dominating the swimming competition in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau, the CNMI National Swimming Team returned home to a hero's welcome last Saturday with some 30 family members, friends, and supporters meeting them at the arrival area of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

Head coaches Hiro Kimura and Mike Villagomez, along with assistant coach/swimmer Tamiko Winkfield, shepherded the team to a 35-medal haul—23 gold, seven silver, and five bronze medals.

The team's plane touched down at the airport at around 11am, but the welcoming committee was already at the waiting area some 30 minutes prior armed with flower and orchid leis as well as a giant sky blue banner that read "WelCome Home CNMI Swim Team."

One by one, the swimming team members exited the airport's automatic sliding doors and were welcomed by cheers from the welcoming committee with record-setting tanker Rezne Wong getting the loudest applause.

The University of Manoa-Hilo varsity swimmer was hands down the most dominating figure at the Palau National Swimming Pool and probably in the entire Games, hauling 12 gold medals



MARK RABAGO

The CNMI National Swimming Team pose with their medals shortly after arriving from competing in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. From top left, Shin Kimura, Michael Moran, Kai Staal, Kensuke Kimura, Rezne Wong, assistant coach Tamiko Winkfield, and Grace Kimbal. Middle row, Victoria Chentsova, Andrew Kimbal, and Keana Villagomez. Squatting from left, men's coach Hiro Kimura, Junior Pamaran, and women's coach Michael Villagomez.

and a silver.

Wong won first place in the 200m and 400m individual medley, 100m and 200m backstroke, 100m and 800m freestyle, 50m, 100m, and 200m butterfly, and the ocean swim.

He also teamed up with Kai Staal and brothers Kensuke and Shin Kimura to bag gold medals in the 200m and 400m medley and 400m freestyle relays. Wong's only non-gold medal performance in the Games was when he finished second to Staal in the 50m freestyle.

Staal also gave a good account of himself in the pool, as he won six in-

dividual gold medals (50m and 100m backstroke, 50m and 200m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, and 400m IM) and three silver (200m and 100m breaststroke and ocean swim).

Grace Kimbal also turned a lot of heads at the pool with gold medal performances in the 100m, 200m, 400m freestyle as well as a silver medal finish in the 200m IM. She also bagged a bronze in the ocean swim and spearheaded the women's team of Winkfield, Keana Villagomez, and Victoria Chentsova to a bronze in the 200m medley relay.

Rollers A win U18 championship

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The Rollers A team swept the Unified Basketball Association's U18 best-of-three final series and was crowned the 2010 champions Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

"Hard work and playing together as a team is what we teach these kids and that's how they did it," said Rollers coach Joe Diaz.

After losing the first game, 72-66, the Sonics found themselves in a must-win situation to force a deciding Game 3, but they fell behind 12-0 right from the tip off. At some point the Sonics fought back within four or five points, but the Rollers maintained their composure and slammed the door.

Kudos to the Sonics, however, for making it to the final round; they knocked off the highly favored Kagman 1-2-3 squad in the semifinals. Some of the Sonics' key players were off-island competing in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau at the time of their big upset victory.

If a team expects to beat this Rollers A squad, who finished the regular season undefeated, they cannot afford to give up that many points right out of the gate.

The Rollers' main man Savali Talalemotu scored nine of the first 12 uncontested points; he led the Rollers with 16 points in the opening period. The Rollers worked the ball around very well and even when they missed their shots Talalemotu, Ham Hambros, or Josh Norita were waiting under the basket for a lot of easy second chance buckets.



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The Rollers A team pose for a team photo after being presented with the U18 championship trophy during last Friday's Unified Basketball Association finals game at the Garapan Basketball Court.

After a very slow start, Melvin Cadiang and J.P. Villanueva led the way for the Sonics with nine and eight points, respectively.

The Sonics played clean defense, but were often forced to foul Talalemotu down low to prevent all the putbacks, but unfortunately for the Sonics, Talalemotu shot well from the line as he did all season.

The Rollers maintained their double-digit lead, 41-31, going into the final period. If not for the shaky start this game may have been very close, but the Rollers never panicked and simply took what the Sonics gave them.

With the big lead, they slowed the tempo down and kept attacking the boards for rebounds, which helped them to maintain possession of the ball and thus control of the game.

In the second half, the Sonics' Tristan Elcanea and Cadiang tried to get their team back in it with 17 and nine points, but every time the Sonics made a play, the Rollers would match it.

The Rollers shared the ball very well again in the final period and let a lot of different hands chip in on the score during the final minutes.

After the game, the Rollers point guard Jason Palacios was awarded the finals MVP award.

First Game

Rollers A 72 – Talalemotu 21, Aulorio 18, Torres 12, Hambros 8, Palacios 6, Guerrero 5, Norita 2.

Sonics 66 – Ajoste 25, Villanueva 17, Cadiang 15, Ferrer 4, Byun 2, Demei 2, Sula 2, Jung 1.

Scoring by halves: 38-38, 72-66.

Second Games

Rollers A 79 – Talalemotu 22, Aulorio 12, Norita 10, Torres 10, Hambros 8, Danas 4, Guerrero 4, Palacios 4, Brennan 3, Cruz 2.

Sonics 73 – Elcanea 18, Cadiang 17, Palacios 14, Villanueva 10, Byun 6, Brann 2, Ferrer 2, Jung 2, Sula 2.

Scoring by halves: 41-31, 79-73.

Brothers Kensuke and Shin Kimura also went home with multiple shiny hardware with the former getting gold in the 200m backstroke along with two more silver and a bronze and the latter finishing first in the 400m freestyle and coming in third in the ocean swim.

Not to be outdone was Michael Moran, who came away with bronze medals in the 100m freestyle and 200m backstroke. Andrew Kimbal finished third in the 1,500m freestyle. Junior Pamaran is also part of the men's team.

Coach Hiro Kimura said the absence of Guam notwithstanding, the CNMI men's team performed at a very high level in the Games.

"Since I got the information of Guam's absence, I changed our boys' goal to win the gold medal in all the events. It means our boys could not be defeated in any of the races. I was not worried about it because our boys had

already competed in many and more higher level swim meets before. As a result, they won the gold in all their events. But it was not easy for us because we only had three days of competition. There was no time to take a rest. It was a tough swim meet for our swimmers. In such a situation, our boys did their best and did very well. It is so fantastic to win all our races," he said.

For his part, women's swimming team head coach Mike Villagomez said despite bringing in a relatively young team to Palau, the girls swam well and were able to get much needed experience.

He said these will suit them well when Kimbal, her daughter, and Chentsova represent the CNMI once again in the 2014 edition of the Games.

"They already know how it feels to compete in the Micro Games and I hope them winning medals in Palau will serve as inspiration..." said Villagomez.

Senior Leaguers gear up for World Series

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The Little League Senior Division Asia-Pacific Champion CNMI All-Stars will hold their final practice today at Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield and will get four days rest before they leave for their trip on Friday to compete in the Senior Division Little League World Series from Aug. 15-21, 2010 in Bangor, Maine.

According to manager Jonathan Tenorio, the team has been practicing five days a week for the last three weeks in preparation for the big tournament.

"We routinely have been scrimmaging on the field, in addition to running, lifting weights and going over real game situations during team meetings after our live practices," he said.

Tenorio feels that this year's CNMI team has a good as chance as any of the other fifteen competing squads the international pool.

In addition to all of the practicing, the Asia-Pacific champs have also been working hard to raise additional funds for their trip. They have been seen out on the streets numerous times with signs asking the public for help in addition to preparing hot lunch fundraising efforts. The parents, coaches, and various other supporters have also been dedicating their time to help the good cause.

Ten teams are included in the 23-game competition and according to the Little League Web site, the CNMI Senior All-Stars are slotted in Pool B, which is made up of five teams: the CNMI, Aruba, U.S. West, U.S. Southeast, and U.S. Central. Pool A is also made up of five teams: Canada, Italy, U.S. Southwest, U.S. East, and the host team from Bangor, Maine.

Notably, all of the U.S. representative teams are still yet to be determined and information about these opponents will be reported as soon as the information becomes available.

The CNMI will first have to go through the Latin American Regional champions from San Nicolas, Aruba at 8pm on opening Aug. 15, but then they get a day off.

They play another 8pm night game on Aug. 17 against the U.S. West and on Aug. 18, CNMI plays the U.S. Central representative at 1pm.

CNMI plays another 1pm game on Aug. 19 against the U.S. Southwest representative.

The tournament semifinals take place reciprocally between the Top 2 seeds in each pool on Aug. 20 at 11:30am and 2:30pm and the championship match is set for Aug. 21 at noon. The championship match will be broadcasted live on ESPN2 and re-broadcasted again at noon on Aug. 25, 2010.

The *Saipan Tribune* will feature the 16 players that make up the Asia-Pacific Little League champions in the coming days.



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The CNMI Senior League All-Stars organized their own fundraiser last Friday for their upcoming trip to the Little League World Series set from Aug. 15 to 21 in Bangor, Maine.



CNMI finishing strong in Micro Games

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KOROR, Palau—The CNMI is not done yet, as far as collecting medals in the 7th Micronesian Games is concerned.

The Commonwealth scooped up six more gold medals after the completion of the triathlon and tennis competitions yesterday, bringing Team Marianas' total to 41 gold medals, 21 silver, and 24 bronze, with one day left before the 2010 edition of the Games conclude.

"Tia de Prerit" Host Palau still leads the medal tally, brought to you by IT&E, with its 52 gold, 41 silver, and 28

bronze, while the Marshall Islands is in third with its 19-18-18, gold-silver-bronze tally.

Mieko Carey gave the CNMI its 36th gold medal, as she ruled the triathlon competition Sunday morning where the rain finally stopped after two days of spoiling the Games.

The 32-year-old XTERRA veteran was the first female and first overall finisher in the non-Olympic distance race, completing the 750-meter swim, 10-km bike, and 5-km bike in one hour, 14 minutes, and 37 seconds. She finished the swim



Carey



Daly



Mancao

part in the waters off the Palau Pacific Resort in 10:59, clocked in at 39:50 in the bike leg from PPR to KB Bridge and back, and 24:14 in the run race from PPR to Meyuns Sea-plane Ramp and back.

Kieran Daly was the second overall finisher and the gold medal winner in the men's division with his time of 1:15:18. Guam's Mark Walters (1:17:30) foiled a CNMI sweep in the men's when he

came in ahead of bronze medalist Matt Mancao (1:18:41). Lewie Tenorio finished fourth with a time of 1:19:29.

With Carey coming in at first, Daly in second, and Mancao in third, the CNMI was awarded the gold medal in the

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Cage belles return to finals

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KOROR, Palau—CNMI Women's Nationals booked the first finals ticket in the basketball competition in the 7th Micronesian Games, following a 61-58 upset of host Palau in yesterday's semifinals game at the Palau National Gymnasium.

The Commonwealth's cage

belles were leading from start to finish en route to a semis win and a chance to defend the gold medal it won against Palau in the 2006 Micronesian Games on Saipan.

The CNMI will play undefeated Guam for the gold medal game tomorrow. Guam notched the second finals seat after topping the Marshall Is-

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Dion Diaz dribbles past two Palauan defenders during their semis game in the 7th Micronesian Games yesterday at the Palau National Gymnasium.

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Pohnpei to host 2014 Micro Games

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KOROR, Palau—The Micronesian Games is heading to Pohnpei.

It will be Pohnpei's second time to host the quadrennial event as it also welcomed athletes during the 2002 edition

of the Games.

Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Churchill B. Edward presented to the Micronesian Games Council their state's bid to bring the 8th edition of the Games in 2014, ensuring the group that Pohnpei has the capability to host the event anew.

"We have the available facilities, which will be upgraded and repaired in time for the Games. Accommodations and transportation for athletes, officials, coaches, and others will also be taken care of," Edward said.

Pohnpei is proposing to have 13 sports to be played in the 2014 Micro Games, namely, basketball (men's and women's), indoor volleyball (men's and women), baseball (men), softball, athletics, swimming, table tennis, weightlifting, wrestling, outrigger canoe, Micro All-Around, lawn tennis, and spearfishing.

The target date will be in July with the Games running for 10

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Member and officials of the Micronesian Games Council pose for a group photo during a meeting at the conference room at the Palau National Aquarium.

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Life in Motion

7th Micro Games MEDAL TALLY

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Palau	52	41	28	121
CNMI	42	21	24	87
Marshalls	19	18	18	55
Guam	15	22	21	58
Yap	13	11	14	38
Pohnpei	14	14	19	44
Chuuk	8	7	8	23
Kosrae	0	0	10	9

As of 5pm Aug. 8, Palau time.



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